



**The Adrian Empire
Imperial Estates Meeting
July 16th and 17th, 2016
Minutes**

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CALL TO ORDER on July 16th, 2016 at 11:02 a.m.

Order Suspended for the Day – Motion made by Sir Callon - *Passed*

Roll Call

Final Vote Total: 104. 25 were Present and 79 were by Proxy.

At appropriate times during the meeting (some here, some when the estate was elevated), the following petitions to be seated were made. All passed by voice vote.

Queen Babette	- Passed (Nays Concede)
Sir Cledwyn	- Passed (Nays Concede)
Shire of Glasgow	- Passed (Nays Concede)
Duchy of Cathair na Cailite	- Passed (Nays Concede)
Duchy of Wolfendorf	- Passed (Nays Concede)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 2015 – Passed as Amended

March 2016 – Passed as Amended

CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charter Amendments

A. Consider reducing the following Kingdoms in status due to insufficient numbers:

(Requires 2/3rds to approve)

Esperance	50 / 52, Failed – remains a Kingdom
Stirling	49 / 51, Failed – remains a Kingdom
Umbria	reached 100 members by meeting

B. Consider reducing the following Chapters in status due to insufficient numbers:

(Notification Only; No action required.)

Archduchy:

Alhambra	protected until November
Constantinople	reached 50 members by meeting
Var Heim	reached 50 members by meeting

Duchy:

Burgundy	reached 20 members by meeting
Lancaster	reached 20 members by meeting
Somerset	reached 20 members by meeting

Shire Dissolved:

Monaco

C. Elevate the following Chapters in status:

(Notification Only; No action required.)

Shire to Duchy:

Cathair na Cailite
Wolfendorf

D. Other Amendments

1. The following Chapter Crowns and Stewards are placed on Judicial Ban and will have a complaint filed against them:

- a. Chesapeake – On Judicial Ban
- b. Murrisk – On Judicial Ban

CRB2. Define "Member at Large" - *Passed as Amended*

Motion made for Proxy made by Sir Callon to move to New Business. – *Failed*

Motion made for Proxy made by Sir Callon to move to be tabled until November 2016 IEM for further discussion. – *Failed*

Motion to Amend – *Accepted as Friendly Amendment*

Motion Amendment CRB2 Tabled until next day to discuss with proxy holders – *Passed*

Day 2

Motion to Split the Issue voting on #2 separately from the rest of the amendment Sir Callon – *Passed*

Call to Vote on CRB2, excluding #2 – *Passed*

Call to Vote on approving CRB2 #2 – *Passed w/Chancellery tasked to clean up grammar*

Motion to Implement Immediately – *Passed*

Motion to immediately move all those moved from Member at Large back to Member at Large

Motion to Discuss the Motion

Motion to immediately move members withdrawn

CRB2 as amended:

Chancellor's Note: This was acted on after CH3A had corrected the renewal date and the final version of the proposal was not intended to and did not change that date so it is shown here in black, as existing law.

Add to Bylaws, Article III: Members:

E. MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENT TO CHAPTER

Members may join or change their Chapter [or request member at large status](#) when they pay or renew their membership. Renewals are effective on April 1, and lifetime members can change their Chapter on April 1. Members can only form estates or be estate holders in the Chapter they have joined. If no choice is made, members will be subjects of the Chapter in which they reside (where the members physically live). Chapter re-assignment is also allowed for a change of physical residence. If members do not physically live within 200 miles of the requested Chapter, they must apply directly to that Chapter's Crown for approval. If the members' change of Chapter [or request for membership at large status](#) takes their former Chapter below numbers, the members must provide a written reason why they are requesting the change, and appeal directly to Imperial Crown for permission.

In the case where members may have multiple residences or special circumstances, the Imperial Crown shall decide which Chapter the members join.

[F. Member at Large](#)

[A Member at Large is a paid member of the Adrian Empire not assigned to a chapter per Article III.E.](#)

[Member at Large Status may be obtained through the following:](#)

1. [In the case of special circumstances, request to the Imperial Crown via:](#)

- a. [Indication on the membership form upon payment or renewal of membership, or](#)
- b. [Written petition to the Imperial Crown at any time](#)

2. [Local Crowns may request to the Imperial Crown for lifetime members who are listed in their Chapter and who have been inactive for over a year to be moved to Members at Large.](#)

[Members at Large are subject to the codicils, writs, and laws where they participate.](#)

CRB3. Remove Lifetime Membership - *Tabled*

HIM Gabrielle: It is not a sustainable practice. The revenue used to cover expenses of the organization as a whole is reduced over time with this practice, not allowing for the organization to cover the continued expense of the membership. The current administration is running on the deficit that was approved by the body and it cannot sustain the continued practice.

HIM L'Bet'e: Cost of insurance is impacted by Lifetime Members who no longer pay, because they are still considered part of our current membership they have to be paid for too. At the moment, the only advantage we have is that our insurance renews after our renewal time where our numbers are usually low.

Motion of Discussion – *Passed*

Motion to Table to November to discuss further with populace- *Passed*

CRB4. Create 10 Year Membership - *Tabled*

Motion to Table to November until CRB3 is acted upon by Sir Callon - *Passed*

CRB5. Recognize HEMA for Associate Membership - *Passed*

Motion to Discuss - *Passed*

Do Adria Members get a discount for HEMA Membership?

Answer: None of our current Associate Membership organizations provide discounts for Adria Members into their organization.

Sir Callon asked if (per CRB3) why are we considering an Associate Membership?

Prince Terrin: Considered a recruiting tool to bring in members from other organization.

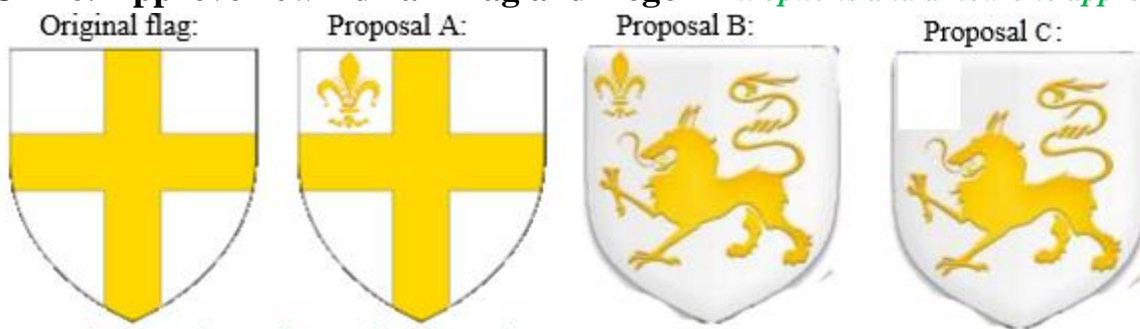
HIM L'Bet'e Answer: It was requested of the Imperial Crowns to consider.

What's HEMA?

The HEMA Alliance is an education, safety and awareness organization of the historical European martial arts (H.E.M.A.).

Vote on CRB5 - *Passes*

CRB6. Approve new Adrian Flag and Logo – *All options and a new one approved*



Sir Callon motions to amend to supplement the proposal with a Proposal C option (which is Proposal B without the Fleur-de-Lis). - *Passed*

Sir Callon motions to approve all for Flag and Logos as amended. - *Passed*

Chancellor's Note: Proposal C was created from the floor.

CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Court Reports

One judicial report was reported. No reports of Civil Courts were received.

CH2. Acceptability of Imperial Crown Contenders- *Approved*

A. Their Imperial Majesties, L'Bet'e de Acmd and Gabriele Silverhand

CH3. Updates to Bylaws and Lex Adria – *No objections made*

(Notification Only; No action required.)

A. Update Bylaws, Article III: Members, D. Membership Terms

For membership accounting, annual memberships cover the period ~~July~~ April 1 to ~~June-30~~ March 31. Annual memberships are due on ~~July~~ April 1 of each year.

Chancellor's Note: This was passed at the March 2015 IEM.

B. Update Bylaws, Article III: Members, E. Membership Assignment to Chapter

Members may join or change their Chapter when they pay or renew their membership. Renewals are effective on ~~July~~ April 1, and lifetime members can change their Chapter on ~~July~~ April 1.

Chancellor's Note: While this was not spelled out in the March 2015 IEM vote (same as above), this is a clear effect of the membership date change.

C. Update Lex Adria, Article VI, Meetings of the Governing Body, E. Official Meetings; Imperial Estates Calendar, 4. Meeting Date, March

c. Elect standing members to the special panel defined in Bylaws, Article III: Members, A. Membership, 4. Membership Suspension, b.

Chancellor's Note: This requirement is defined in Bylaws as stated and should be listed here in Lex Adria for consistency.

D. Update Lex Adria, Article VI, Meetings of the Governing Body, E. Official Meetings; Imperial Estates Calendar, 5. Meeting Date, July

c. Elect Board of Directors Members per Bylaws, Article B.

Chancellor's Note: This requirement is defined in Bylaws as stated and should be listed here in Lex Adria for consistency.

E. Update Bylaws, Article V, Board of Directors, A. Number of Directors

The number of Directors shall be nine. Two shall be at-large Directors, who shall be elected annually by the Imperial Estates from the membership at large for 1-year terms. Each may be reelected to one successive term. The Imperial Steward shall serve as Treasurer and may serve successive terms (as this is an appointed position by the Imperial Crown).

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The Board of Directors shall elect from its own membership a Vice-President and Board Secretary according to its own procedures. The President shall be elected from among the Board of Directors by the Imperial Estates at any meeting during which there be a Presidential vacancy or for which a Presidential term be concluding. The Imperial Crown(s) ~~and Imperial Steward~~ shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors. They will not be considered as Directors.

Chancellor's Note: The Imperial Steward is clearly named a Director in the first paragraph and is required to be so to make the count come out as nine which was intentionally made an odd number to reduce the likelihood of a tie vote. This is the way the Board has been operating. In the last paragraph of the same section, there is language that contradicts this and is thus being struck.

CH4. Elections for Board of Directors

A. Members

The following members were nominated for the Board of Directors positions opening in November:

John Caldwell, Region 1
Brandon Grider, Region 2
Jerry Edwards, Region 3
Thomas Wilson, Region 3
Michelle Kout, Member at Large
Jeffery Kout, Member at Large

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors to be seated in November:

John Caldwell, Region 1 - *Accepted*
Brandon Grider, Region 2 - *Accepted*
Thomas Wilson, Region 3 - first vote 46 to 10; second vote 56 which achieved majority - *Elected*
Michelle Kout, Member at Large - *Accepted*
Jeffery Kout, Member at Large – *Accepted*

As no letters of intent to serve on the Board of Directors were received, the emergency nomination procedure was followed and nominations were taken from the floor. They must be reviewed at the November meeting. See Bylaws, Article V, E1a.

B. President

The President shall be elected from among the Board of Directors by the Imperial Estates at any meeting which there be a Presidential vacancy. The resignation by the BoD president on June 13th, 2016, created a vacancy temporarily filled by the VP, Christina Cox.

Christina Cox and Dan Olsen have volunteered to be elected President to complete the term ending in November, 2016.

Motion to keep Christina Cox as BoD President for the remainder of the current term - *Passed*

Two vacancies were filled by appointment by the Imperial Crown:

Region 3	Brandon Grider	expires Nov, 2016
At Large	Jeffery Kout	expires Nov, 2016

This makes the current composition of the Board of Directors, through the change in November, 2016:

Treasurer	Lawrence Moura	Imperial Crown Appointed
Region 1	Michelle Kout	expires Nov, 2016
Region 1	Dan Olsen	expires Nov, 2017
Region 2	Laura Witham	expires Nov, 2016
Region 2	Christina Cox	expires Nov, 2017, President
Region 3	Brandon Grider	expires Nov, 2016
Region 3	David Bradtmueller	expires Nov, 2017
At Large	Jeffery Kout	expires Nov, 2016
At Large	William Lounds	expires Nov, 2016

CH5. Review of the Current Conversion Policy

Chancellor's Note: There has been no change in the policy in the past year and none are being proposed.

CH6. Review Imperial Crown Writ – *No Action; Remains as Imperial Crown writ as amended*

Motion to Discuss – *Failed*

Motion to vote to take no action

Motion to discuss the motion to take no action on the Imperial Crown Writ

Motion to recess until the next day – *Passed* (to reconvene at 8:30 am Sunday)

Friendly amendment to make grammatical corrections - *Passed*

This remains as Imperial Crown writ:

We are issuing a writ that the recognized Rawlings swords for use within the Empire are the synthetic long swords (no metal fittings), synthetic bastard swords (no metal fittings), and synthetic single-hand swords (no metal fittings). Once a standard has been created, all other Rawlings designs can be compared and judged as to acceptability or not.

Minimum Synthetic Waster Standards

- Blade material: Nylon plastic
- Maximum weight allowed 2 lbs. (32 Oz - 907 grams)
- Minimum of 4.5" (11.4 cm) tip flex with 2 lb. (907 gram) weight added
- No metal fittings or attachments (including quillian and pommel)
- No sharp edges - all flashing must be removed
- Only commercially available attachments (cross guards, basket hilts, pommels etc.) Any homemade or custom parts must be individually approved by the Imperial Minister of Joust and War

So Say We Gabriele and L'Bet'e

OLD BUSINESS

(None carried over)

NEW BUSINESS

All New Business was discussed. No actions were taken. Included below are a few of the comments made during discussion.

NB1. Charter Reductions

Emperor and Empress – The current situation that it's trying to limit would continue to occur even if the law were to pass by the will of the estates.

Prince Baine - Recommend that the author make clear their intent. It is confusing as to the intent of the author if the intent is to change Lex Adria.

NB2. Steps to Knighthood: Rapier/Cut-and-Thrust Fighting

Prince Baine – I believe that there should be a path to knighthood for Rapier, but I don't think that is it.

Queen Edelinne - Rawlings and Shinai are training tools and those participations and wins should not be included passed First Level Knighting.

NB3. DI & DP Distribution for Collegia & Demonstrations

The Imperial Crown is against the concept of getting multiple DPs when a class is taught multiple times towards the same DI. The proposal should spell this out.

The Imperial Crown agrees to confer with the Imperial Rolls Minister to make sure that no DPs were improperly prevented during this Imperial Reign.

DISCCUSION ITEMS

DI1. LEX ADRIA IMPERIUM CONVENTION

There are many dead laws with in Lex Adria still on the books that need to be cleaned up. Suggest to have a committee formed to go through the Lex Adria and present it to the body to be passed.

NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

November 5th & 6th, 2016 – San Diego, CA

Best Western Seven Seas

The Crowns of Terre Neuve will provide more information.

ADJOURNMENT ON JULY 17TH AT 2:24PM