



**The Adrian Empire
Imperial Estates Meeting
5th and 6th of November, 2016
Minutes**

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INTRODUCTION

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Chancery notes, comments, and explanations.

Minutes:

Outcome (Yeas-Nays)

Meeting details

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

9:34 AM, 11/5/16

Motion to suspend the order of the day, passed by voice

ROLL CALL

QUORUM MET WITH 98

Initial Count:

Present: 38 Proxy: 60 Total: 98

A. Seating of qualified members and written proxies

One estate, March Mortis, approved (76-15) after initial seating, adding one vote by Proxy.

B. Petitions to waive as per Article VI.E.6. Disqualifications

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Final Count:

Present: 38 Proxy: 61 Total: 99

Majority: 50 Supermajority: 66

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED – BY VOICE

(Requires majority to approve)

Approval of the minutes of the July 2016 IEM.

REPORTS

A. Executive

1. Crown(s)

Oral report.

2. President and Board of Directors

Oral report by Christina Cox.

B. Ministers

1. Archery

No report. Oral report on crossbow play-testing by Prince William.

2. Arts and Sciences

Oral report.

3. Chancery

Oral report.

4. Hospitaler

Oral report.

5. Joust and War

Oral report.

6. Physicker

No report.

7. Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)

No report.

8. Rolls and Lists

Report published online.

9. Sovereign of Arms

Report published online.

10. Steward

Oral report.

11. Other Officers

None.

CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charter Amendments

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

Kingdoms:

(Requires 2/3rds to approve)

Stirling

93 94 at time of meeting

PASSED (69-26); REDUCED.

B. The following Chapters are being reduced per Lex Adria Imperium, Article VIII, D, 2b xi:

(Notification Only; While no action is required, appeals may be made to the Estates which would require 2/3rds to pass)

Archduchy:

Alhambra 28

NO APPEAL; REDUCED.

~~Albion Rayonne~~ 46 56 at time of meeting; not reduced.

Duchy:

~~Somerset~~ 19 20 at time of meeting; not reduced.

Shire to Dissolve:

(None)

Chancellor's Note: the above listing is based on the Membership Summary as of the date of publication.

C. Elevate the following Chapters in status:

(Requires majority to approve)

(None received)

D. Other Amendments

(Notification only, no action required)

1. The following Chapters are delinquent for 2 months of steward's reports. If reports are not received within thirty days of this publication, the crowns and stewards shall have a complaint and be placed on Judicial ban:

(None)

2. The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in the Stewards office:

(None)

CRB2. Remove Lifetime Membership

FAILED (33-66)

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Change Adria's laws to no longer sell lifetime memberships. Existing lifetime memberships will not be affected. Strike or update references to Lifetime Membership in all laws and manuals. This includes Bylaws Article III, D; Bylaws Article III, E; and Bylaws Article IV, A. Add a dated note that they were removed. Adjust the membership form to meet this change in law.

Imperial Commentary: Lifetime Memberships are not a sustainable business practice. If we continue with them, there will reach a point where the money coming into the Empire will not be able to cover the insurance let alone any of the operating expenses.

CRB3. Create 10 Year Membership

WITHDRAWN

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Option 1: Add a new membership type called a "Campaign Membership" that is good for 10 years with a current cost of \$270.

Option 2: Add a new membership type called a "Campaign Membership" that is good for 10 years with a current cost of \$250.

Imperial Commentary: The incentive for this package deal is that you get a year free by bundling 10 years at once. Option 2 comes out to be around \$5/year savings.

CRB4. Make-up Event Time Limit

NOTIFICATION ONLY

(Notification only, no action required)

It is Their Imperial Majesties' determination that make-up events must take place within one year from the date that it was originally scheduled to take place.

Imperial Commentary: An event held in April, even if held in July, only has until the following April to be rejected or receives a blanket approval as per IEW34 III.C. How Are Points Granted: All points are granted by the authority of the Crown. Points in local chapters are granted by the Crown(s) of that chapter, subject to review and approval by the Imperial Crown(s) within one year from the date of participation. All points awarded by local Crowns and not objected to within that time will be considered approved.

CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Court Reports

NONE

A. Judicial Courts

1. Rulings of the Courts

(None received)

B. Civil Courts

(None received)

CH2. Election of the Board of Directors Members

RATIFIED – BY VOICE

(Requires majority)

Due to nominations being made on the floor rather than notified in the agenda prior to the July 2016 meeting, the Estates must vote to ratify these elections.

Approval of the current and nominated voting members of the Board of Directors:

Treasurer	Lawrence Moura	Imperial Crown Appointed
<u>Region 1</u>	<u>John Caldwell</u>	<u>nomination needs approval by the Estates</u>
Region 1	Dance Olsen	expires November, 2017
<u>Region 2</u>	<u>Brandon Grider</u>	<u>nomination needs approval by the Estates</u>
Region 2	Christina Cox	expires November, 2017
<u>Region 3</u>	<u>Thomas Wilson</u>	<u>nomination needs approval by the Estates</u>
Region 3	David Bradtmueller	expires November, 2017
<u>At Large</u>	<u>Michelle Kout</u>	<u>nomination needs approval by the Estates</u>
<u>At Large</u>	<u>Jeffery Kout</u>	<u>nomination needs approval by the Estates</u>

CH3. Election of the Board of Directors President.

CHRISTINA COX ELECTED (91-5)

(Requires majority)

Letters of Intent have been received (see Appendix A):

Election of the President of the BoD

Christina Cox (Princess Aislynn)

Chancery Note: The BoD shall meet on Sunday to be sworn in, elect its Vice President and Secretary, and approve any banking resolution if needed.

CH4. Approval of the amended 2015-2016 Imperial Budget

WITHDRAWN

(Requires majority)

There is no amendment to the 2015-2016 Imperial Budget.

Will be provided separately.

CH5. Approval of the proposed 2016-2017 Imperial Budget

APPROVED (85-0)

(Requires majority)

Budget posted to Library under Agendas and Minutes for November 2016

Will be provided separately.

CH6. Review of Associate Memberships as per the Bylaws, Article III, B, 4. APPROVED (78-10) *(Requires majority)* **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL DUES INCREASED TO \$20.**

Bylaws Article III.B.4. dictates that associate membership dues are set by the Imperial Crown, and shall be reviewed by the Imperial Estates during the November meeting of the Imperial Estates, at which time the level of dues may be approved or modified.

The Imperial Crown proposed to increase the dues for associate members to \$20 (from \$15), and recommended consideration at this time in order to include the updated rate in the manuals during the annual revisions.

OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Charter Reductions PASSED (68-31)

(Formerly known as NB1)

(Requires 2/3 to pass)

All charter reductions, including Kingdoms, Duchies and Archduchies, shall be addressed and voted on by the Estates only once per reign, at the next meeting after the renewal deadline. A subdivision may request elevation at any meeting.

Author's Commentary: Current interpretation of law is that Duchies and Archduchies are under the purview of the Imperial Crown. This changes that law.

Author: HIH Dame Aislynne, Duchess of Burgundy

Sponsor: HRM Gwyllum ap du Drane, King of Glynmore, Sir Prize Amadeus von Blackstaff, Duke of Burgundy, Dame Lysle Anne

Chancellor's Note: This would only limit the number of times this issue can be originated on the agenda, but if the estates wish to "grant an extension" or haven't yet made up their minds about any particular chapter when it first is voted on, they can table it for that/those estates and this legislation would not prevent those from being seen on the next agenda.

OB2. Steps to Knighthood: Renaissance Fighting FAILED (36-49)

(Formerly known as NB2)

(Requires 2/3 to pass)

Add an additional path to K2 and K3 Combatant knighthoods with different titles:

1. Knight Bachelor (first level) – un-differenced from standard
2. Knight Fencer (second level)
 - a. 18 additional Knights' list Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust participations
 - b. 5 additional Knights' list Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust tournament wins
 - c. 5 additional demo participations (involving Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust combat)
 - d. 5 additional war participations
3. Knight of Defense (third level)
 - a. 36 additional Knights' list Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust Participations
 - b. 10 additional Knights' list Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust tournament wins
 - c. 15 additional demo participations (involving Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust combat)
 - d. 10 additional war participations

Optional addition:

Grant the sumptuary right of a blue scarf to be won on the Knight Fencer's or Knight of Defenses' preferred sword arm between the elbow and the shoulder.

Author's Commentary: *With the SCA's addition of a Society-level peerage for unarmored combat, the rise in popularity of HEMA cut & thrust combat, and the continued issue of some combatants being unable to engage in medieval Armored combat (and thus unable to progress beyond Knight Bachelor), but very dedicated to the art of fencing and/or cut & thrust combat styles, the time has come to reconsider adding an optional STK document to the Adrian combat discipline.*

This optional STK would include only points earned in Rapier combat, and would grant the same sumptuary and armorial rights as existing combat Knighthoods, but not the titles of Knight Banneret or Champion (unless otherwise earned on the traditional STK).

Chancellor's Note: *I worked with the author to replace the term "Renaissance" with "Rapier" to be consistent with our current rules and manuals. Further clarification of his intent then added "Cut-and-Thrust." There may be more changes for November as he has now indicated that he wanted all non-armored formats to count including Rawlings, but as he didn't submit an update, I wasn't sure how he wanted that worded.*

Author: Baron Vanyev Betzina, KCv, KArch, KBch, IOTR

Sponsor: Sir Alexander of Manchester, KCv, KBch, LoC Glo, Duke of Gloucester; Dame Cryssida Blackwood of Clan McKlaine, KPr, KBch, KArch, Duchess of Alhambra; Sir Griffin Ulfhrafn, KCvl, KFrstr, KBch and KRb, Duke of Alhambra

OB3. DI & DP Distribution for Collegia & Demonstrations

PASSED (60-19)

(Formerly known as NB3)

(Requires majority to pass)

IEW-8. Classes Adopted, last amended December 2012 (Chancery).

C. There must be at least 10 people attending the class, in order for the instructor to receive a DI. This can be cumulative.

D. Each class a person gives within a twelve-month period must be on a different subject to receive DI credit.

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G. Those holding the class will garner a demo-initiation point when there are 10 attendees. Those attending, including those member(s) holding the class, regardless of whether a DI is awarded, will garner demo participation points that shall count in the discipline(s) in which the class was focused.

IEW #34 - Manual of Rolls and Lists

III. EARNING POINTS

3. DI's and DP's

b. How DI's are Awarded

i. Being the Autocrat of a Demonstration

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All Adrian members who attend, sign-in, and assist with the demonstration receive credit (called a DP, Demonstration Participation point) for their advancement towards knighthood in whatever discipline, or disciplines that they assisted with.

Demonstrating or discussing the techniques, materials, or equipment of a particular subject counts as a DP in that discipline...

iii. Teaching a Class (Giving a Collegium)

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To qualify for a DI, the class must have at least ten (10) separate attendees who have signed in (this may include the teachers. If there are not ten (10) attendees, the teacher may conduct the class again and accumulate attendance to reach this goal, but it only counts as one class for their DI credit).

All Adrian members who attend a class and sign-in receive a DP. The DP shall count in the disciplines in which the class was focused. If more than one discipline is addressed, it may count in more than one discipline. For instance, if a class is taught on how to fight a particular style of combat, it counts as a combat DP, while a class taught on how to construct a period weapon that then goes into period use of that weapon, may count as both a combat DP and an arts DP. The Crown responsible for granting the points is also responsible for making this determination. The teacher is responsible for making sure an event sign-in form is filled out, that the class attendees sign-in, and that the form is turned into the Minister of Rolls upon completion. Failure to turn in the rolls paperwork for a collegium is cause to deny a DI regardless of how much other work was done.

A member may not receive a DI for teaching the same class more than once per year (unless it is a cumulative class). Members may attend classes as often as the class is taught and shall receive DP's for doing so. In a cumulative class, they only count toward the minimum of ten (10) attendees once.

Author's Commentary: A clarification to bring current policy in line with common understanding and promote various levels of participation in our stated mission of historical education.

GLOSSARY

Attendee – A person present at an Adrian Empire event regardless of membership status. To be an attendee, a person must sign-in on the Event Sign-in Sheet and, if there is a site fee, pay it and be recorded on the steward's sheet.

Demo Participation (DP) – If a member goes to a demonstration or collegium and they participate in that event, they receive a demonstration participation point. DP's may be earned by demonstrating or discussing the techniques, materials, and equipment of a subject as approved by the Crown. The DP's are applied within the discipline that the topic pertained to. (See: III.C.3. DI's and DP's.)

Author: Sir Draco Rivenoak, K3 & Viceroy of Beloozero

Sponsor: Lady Moira Pritani, K2 & Archduchess of Albion~Rayonne

NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Making up Monthly Crown Events

NO ACTION

(Discussion automatic; 2/3 to consider, ~~majority to pass~~ 2/3 to pass as modification to Lex Adria V.D.5)

"Chartered subdivisions can plan and hold make up events, not to exceed 3 per day, to meet the needs of their individual populace's safety and physical well-being. The process for making this decision should be agreed upon by the local estates. All Crowns should make every attempt to hold one event per month; however, "acts of God" can include not only unexpected inclement weather, but also anticipated and normal climate conditions, such events as excessive heat or cold."

Author's Commentary: When the state says to keep the children in from recess from excessive heat, the road crews shut down, it is unsafe to travel icy roads, etc., it is also unreasonable to expect our populace to safely participate, much less enjoy, our events. And after all, isn't the enjoyment why we are here?

Author: Princess Aislynn, Duchess of Burgundy & Sir Desmond, Archduke of Auroch's Fjord

Chancery Point of Law: Lex Adria addresses this issue in Article V, D. Make-up Events, Tournaments can be made up if they were canceled or interrupted due to: 1. Lack of facilities 2. Acts of God, such as (a). Rain, hail, or snow (b). Excessive heat, cold, or winds, (c). Flooding 3. Darkness, 4. Safety, and 5. Any other conditions that in the opinion of the Crown warrants invoking this law.

Upon discussion with authors, proposal is intended to be added to Lex Adria V.D.5, to clarify the law. Specific concerns of the authors include the ability to "make up" events in advance when adverse conditions are expected, as well as to acknowledge that each populace has unique abilities to participate in certain weather conditions – even within the same geographical/climatic region. The authors clarified

that “3 per day” refers to three events per day in total (e.g., 2 makeup events and 1 regularly-scheduled event, or 3 makeup events).

Discussion topics included the necessity of this proposal as written; potential for revision to outline reasons that are not valid for making up an event rather than restating valid reasons; concerns that further legislating this topic would make it more difficult for a local Crown to address the needs of their populace. The authors plan to confer and decide what revisions, if any, they feel are necessary.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DI1. New Yearly Schedule

Their Imperial Majesties would like to have a committee formed to discuss a new yearly schedule.

The Imperial Crown has several concerns with our current calendar:

- Our fiscal year ends in July, so there is significant crossover in financials between the outgoing and incoming administrations
- Coronation right before the holiday season makes for a slow transition
- Potential for elimination of one IEM to cut expenses, or alternatively replace one IEM with a collegium
- Altering calendar changes War dates. Possible Banner War/Civil War date moved to President’s Day weekend

Estates input

- Contenders would declare earlier in the reign if we change to 2 IEMs per year
- Legislative process would need to be accelerated so proposals could be passed in a timely manner if there are 2 IEMs per year
- Discussion of possible applications/play tests of technology including GoToMeeting and electronic voting tools to alleviate costs and expand membership participation in IEMs
- There are benefits to face-to-face meetings that would be hampered by replacement with a GoToMeeting format
- Significant value in Imperial Crown traveling to events around the Empire, and in in-person support for smaller chapters
- Some interest in avoiding weekends that conflict with SCA wars
- Agendas have not been particularly lengthy in recent history, may not need 3 IEMs to handle all business
- Possible 2-phase IEMs where phase 1 is in-person discussion, attendees report back, and then phase 2 is electronic voting
- Interest in focusing on increasing revenue rather than on cutting expenses. Potential revenue avenues include games at NST, school demos, etc.
- Some members especially in the Las Vegas area work in hospitality/casinos/retail, where Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends are blacked out for time-off requests. Moving one or both wars away from these weekends would allow some of these members to attend
- Winter war may be difficult in the northern regions but the southern regions would be able to enjoy period garb better during the winter
- Potential for including a survey on membership form, whether paper or PayPal, to get feedback from membership. Facebook polls may be another option
- Possibly reserve a third war date, just in case there is a Civil War, and keep the two war weekends we already have
- Interest in looking into a demo at Pennsic or a similarly large SCA event

- Discussion of having meetings mid-week instead of weekends, and wars on non-holiday weekends instead of keeping these on holiday weekends

NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

TBD

The Imperial Crown is looking into New Orleans if cost effective. Plan to play-test hosting collegium at March IEM, with a wide-range of topics. Would like to see some business management/promotion/marketing classes.

ADJOURNMENT

3:18 PM, 11/6/16