



**The Adrian Empire
Imperial Estates Meeting
July 28 and 29, 2018
Minutes**

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AGENDA

I. SIGN IN

II. CALL TO ORDER

9:40 A.M., 7/28/18

III. ROLL CALL

99 (47 PRESENT, 52 PROXY)

- A. Seating of qualified members and written proxies
- B. Petitions to waive as per Article VI.E.6.

(Requires 2/3 to approve.)

Sir Rhys of Esperance seated as Count Royal.

Seated new Estate Major, March Mortis and Last Vigil of Albion-Rayonne.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

- A. Approval of the minutes of the March 2018 IEM

(Requires majority to approve.)

V. REPORTS

- A. Executive

- 1. Crown(s)

- a. Excited about 4 possible elevations today of chapters, which was a goal of our reign.
- b. Excited about the growth in the Adrian empire- 17% increase in membership in May from last year
- c. 5% over memberships in July from last year
- d. 2 new shires- possibly more.
- e. Also speaking to a group in London, and Madrid to expand further.
- f. Crowns trying to show additional support to the smaller subdivisions-
 - i. There will possibly be contests initiated to help the shires get additional equipment. Ex. "how to videos" contest
- g. Imperial challenge- huge surge of participation so far
 - i. August is the second round of arts- there are more participants this year. Encourage to participate at the local level
 - ii. 30% over participation from last year.
- h. Starting to look at other options for fundraising
 - i. Resources from employers

1. looking at volunteer hours from employees at Walmart (up to \$1000/year per employee)
 2. Sams club & smart and final- in the past have given donations
 3. encouraged to ask employers for what options they have for charitable organizations.
- ii. Fireworks booth did not work out this year due to too much risk to the empire. Still open to exploring other companies and continuing to gather data on opportunities.

2. President and Board of Directors

Available online

B. Ministers

Encouragement from TIMs that if local ministers are struggling to make contact with their imperial counterparts be patient as some contact may be lost in the shuffle. Also feel free to CC TIMs on the email contacts.

1. Archery

No report

2. Arts and Sciences

Report will be available online

3. Chancery

Chancellor's office is working on uploading the documents that were changed at the March IEM. Right now, just making sure they are completely accurate before posting. We are also still going through local charters to ensure there are no conflicts. No Civil courts so far. Chancellor's office requests for crowns to please send their chapter's rosters ahead of the meeting to help ensure accurate voting and attendance requirements have been met. Chancellor's office also requests for each chapter to send a copy of their local codicils and writs to help interpret laws for the populace when issues arise.

4. Hospitaler

Currently no Hospitaler- office open. Request to create a hospitaler team. Ideally there would be someone to hold the role of the traditional hospitaler position, chronicler, and social media. If there are interested parties, please inquire with TIMs.

5. Joust and War

Report will be available online

6. Physicker

Currently position is open. Entertaining applications from interested parties.

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

Currently working on a complete and total overhaul of the Adrian Empire Website. It is just taking time right now due to the immense workload being completed by volunteers. Request the populace be patient.

8. Rolls and Lists

275 events in 4 months. Rolls and lists report is available on-line. Please make sure to send in paperwork monthly. Encourage populace to keep track of their own points.

9. Sovereign of Arms

No report

10. Steward

Report available online. Overall, we are doing well, under projected expenditures, and over expected income.

11. Other Officers

None

VI. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charter Amendments

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

Kingdoms:

(Requires 2/3rds to approve.)

- | | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Esperance | 81 101 | Withdrawn |
| 2. Glynmore | 63 Current total uncertain | Reduced |

Motion to table until November failed (29-63)

Discussion:

- Validation of newly added memberships
- Recent change in administration
- Functionality of ministry positions
- Recent transfers of memberships away from Glynmore
- Joint versus independent events; outcome of independent events

Second motion to table until November, given points raised in discussion failed (17-many)

Reduced to Archduchy (87-few)

Request from Glynmore to allow the Chapter to retain its chattel granted by TIMs

Archduchies:

(Requires majority to approve.)

- 1. Constantinople ~~41~~ 42 Reduced
- 2. Stirling ~~47~~ 48 Reduced

Motion to consider reduction of both chapters as a whole passed
Reduced by visual vote

Duchies:

(Requires majority to approve.)

- 1. Brandenburg 14 Reduced
Reduced by visual vote
- 2. Burgundy ~~15~~ 20 Withdrawn

B. Elevate the following Chapters in status:

(Requires majority to approve.)

- 1. Cathair Na Caille (to Archduchy) 67 Elevated
- 2. Chesapeake (to Duchy) 29 Elevated
- 3. Loch Fyn (to Duchy) 23 Elevated
- 4. Thinairia (to Duchy) 23 Elevated

Motion to consider elevation of all chapters as a whole passed
Elevated by visual vote

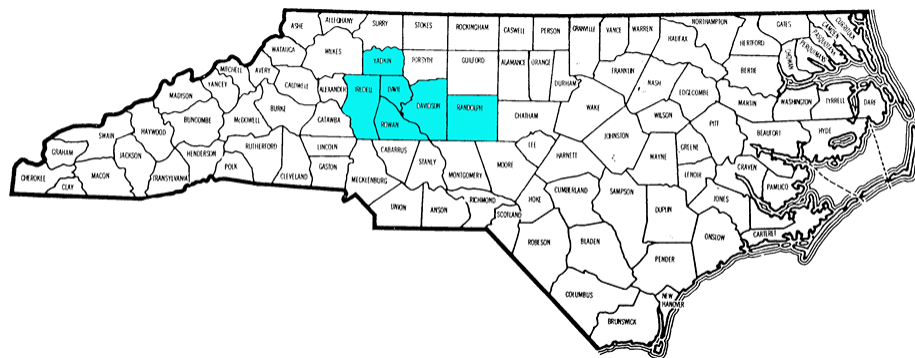
C. Create the following Shires:

(Notification Only.)

- 1. Beauwood

Vicereine: Dame Sapphire Jade

Territory: The mundane counties of Iredell, Yadkin, Davie, Davidson, Randolph, and Rowan of the mundane state of North Carolina



2. Sherwood

Vicereines: Mistress Arwen and Dame Ariana le Treson

Territory: The mundane counties of Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Lexington, Orangeburg, and Richland of the mundane state of South Carolina



CRB2. Combat Archery Equipment

PASSED

(Notification of amendment to Imperial Crown Writ. Requires majority to reject.)

Amend CCW-2 (Missile Weapons Manual) to permit the use of commercially-available combat arrows.

Crown Commentary: After 2 years of Testing we are allowing the use of commercially available combat arrow heads that thread into fiberglass shafts. All commercially available combat arrow heads must be approved by the Marshal or Minister of Joust and War. They must contain a solid blunt that prevents penetration through the foam padding, approx. 20 mm of high density closed cell impact foam, and approx. 20 mm of open cell soft foam. The 3 sections are to be wrapped at least once with strong tape (fiber tape, Gorilla tape, gaffers tape etc.) that adheres to all 3 sections (as a safety precaution against glue separation in combat). Additionally, the first 50 mm of the arrow shaft at the point of threading is to also be wrapped with the aforementioned tape to prevent the metal collar from splintering the shaft on impact.

Motion to approve CRB2 and CRB3 as a whole passed
CRB2 and CRB3 passed

- CRB3. Adopt the Missile Weapons Manual as IEW** **PASSED**
(Requires majority to approve as Imperial Estates Writ. Requires majority to reject as Continuing Crown Writ. The Estates may take no action and allow the manual to remain a Continuing Crown Writ.)

If passed, this proposal will adopt CCW-2 (Missile Weapons Manual) as an Imperial Estates Writ.

Motion to approve CRB2 and CRB3 as a whole passed
 CRB2 and CRB3 passed

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CHB1. Court Reports

A. Judicial Courts

None.

B. Civil Courts

None.

- CHB2. Consideration of Acceptability of Imperial Crown Contenders**
(Requires majority to find acceptable.)

- A. Sir Desmond Wallace and Dame Babette Bryn Corey** **PASSED**
 Passed by voice vote

CHB3. Election of Board of Directors

(Requires majority.)

Current voting members of the Board of Directors: *(Expiring members highlighted.)*

Treasurer	Lawrence Moura	Imperial Crown Appointed
Region 1	Leslie Burgess	Expires Nov. 2019
Region 1	John Caldwell	Expires Nov. 2018
Region 2	Lindsay Oleson	Expires Nov. 2019
Region 2	Brad Sawyer	Expires Nov. 2018
Region 3	Sara Huizenga	Expires Nov. 2019
Region 3	Thomas Wilson	Expires Nov. 2018
At Large	Christina Cox	Expires Nov. 2018
At Large	Ashton Worrall	Expires Nov. 2018

Letters of Intent Received:

Region 1	None Judith King	Elected
Region 2	None Deena Grady Ashton Worrall	Elected
Region 3	None Thomas Wilson	Elected
At Large	Brad Sawyer Janice Johnston Jeff Kout Deena Grady	Elected Elected Elected

Chancery Note: If an insufficient number of letters of intent to serve on the Board of Directors are received in time for publication of the final agenda, the emergency nomination procedure will be followed and nominations will be taken from the floor at this meeting and reviewed at the November meeting. See Bylaws, Article V, E.1.a. Note that Region 1, 2, and 3 BoD members serve 2-year terms, while At Large BoD members serve 1-year terms.

CHB4. Review of the Current Conversion Policy **NO CHANGE**
(Notification only; no action required.)

Chancery Note: Per Lex Adria Imperium Article VI.E. and Article IX.F.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Requirements for 2nd and 3rd Level Combat Knights **TABLED**
(Requires 2/3 to approve.)

If passed, this proposal would remove the distinction between rapier/cut-and-thrust and steel in terms of wins needed for advancement to 2nd and 3rd level knighthoods in combat, while barring the use of synthetic wasters wins toward advancement to 2nd and 3rd level knighthoods in combat. The requirement for participations in steel would remain unaltered.

Authors' proposed verbiage:

Amendments to Lex Adria IX.D.1. "Combatant Roll":

- e. Knight Banneret
 - ii. Five additional wins in the Knights’ Lists (~~three must be in the armored Knights’ Lists~~), either Rapier, Cut-and-Thrust, or Steel but not Synthetic Waster, at Crown events.

- f. Knight Champion
 - ii. Ten additional wins in the Knights’ Lists (~~six must be in the armored Knights’ Lists~~), either Rapier, Cut-and-Thrust, or Steel but not Synthetic Waster, at Crown events.

Authors/Sponsors: HG Tailan Bran McNeil; Sir Vincenzo Grimani, KCh; HG Uther von Hopf; HG Mourngrym-Arawn de Mordington.

Authors present requested this item be tabled for a rewrite. Authors notified that substantive changes to the proposal would necessitate resubmission as New Business, and adherence to the limitation of one New Business submission per regnal year per proposal.

OB2. Removal of March IEM
(Requires 2/3 to approve.)

TABLED

Original Proposal

If passed, this proposal would remove the March IEM from the Imperial Estates Calendar, and move the required action items from March to the July meeting.

Authors’ proposed verbiage:

Amendments to Lex Adria VI.E. “Official Meetings; Imperial Estates Calendar”:

4. ~~(Removed) Meeting Date, March~~

~~The Imperial Estates shall meet in March of every year, at which time they shall conduct appropriate business including but not limited to:~~

- a. ~~— Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown’s term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office. (The Imperial Estates shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial term of office.)~~
- b. ~~— Elect standing members to the special panel defined in Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., Article III.A.4.b.~~

5. Meeting Date, July

- a. Qualify and determine acceptability of Imperial candidates
- b. Finalize enough data to prepare the corporation's tax returns (if necessary)
- c. Review (at its discretion) any systems of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown (see Article IX.E.)
- d. Elect Board of Directors Members per Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., Article V.B.
- e. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office. (The Imperial Estates shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial term of office.)
- f. Elect standing members to the special panel defined in Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., Article III.A.4.b.

Each Chapter's Crown shall present a copy of his or her Chapter's financial records at this meeting. Attendance at this meeting shall be mandatory for at least one ruling Crown or representative from each Chapter.

Authors/Sponsors: HG Tailan Bran McNeil; HHH Gabriele Silverhand; HG Anne Bryce of Kinncraig; HG Uther von Hopf.

Counter-Proposal

To change the Mandatory March IEM to an Optional Meeting as Determined by the Imperial Crowns. The Imperial Crowns must inform the Empire by all the normal notification methods that there will be a March IEM and which weekend it will be held on by December 1st. If the Imperial Crowns choose not to have the meeting, the funds allocated for that meeting maybe moved to either Imperial Banner War site costs or Imperial Crown War site costs, or not used at all except with notice to the Imperial Estates.

Authors/Sponsors: HG Tailan Bran McNeil; HG Anne Bryce of Kinncraig.

Provision for flexible dates in July suggested as a friendly amendment.

Tabled until November to allow time for rewrite, which will include a draft of the proposed new calendar.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of a letter from a member to the Board of Directors regarding the scope of the Adrian Empire.

- Discussion of inquiries from members about personas representing people from other cultures within the same time period.
- Does the Adrian Empire exclusively represent Western European culture?
- Point regarding that during the time period even those from other cultures who were also going to participate in the tournament and the nobility would have adapted to the culture that they were participating in
- For those who generally stayed in there “home cultures” style and practices they would not have been participating in the practices of the nobility- they would have potentially been slaves, or not treated even as decent human beings which is not something we would encourage for our members
- Reminder to making sure that we are not pigeon-holing members into a certain character due to their mundane culture and status- we are all playing a game and can chose whatever persona we desire.
- If you ever see someone being treated unfairly due to an idea regarding their mundane culture please advocate for them if they are unable to advocate for themselves.
- We should remember our organization is built upon being a historical education society who also participates in activities such as archery and combat, not a combat group with a little history thrown in.
- Concerns about maintaining the scope of Adria while also not putting too many limits on the populace.
- Possibly changing the description of the scope of Adria from “significant influence” and replace with words such as; documentable portrayals of the norm.
- Try to keep the scope simple- lets not overcomplicate it
- Changing the scope would be across the website, new member guide, hospitaler manual, and also the Lex (this one would require a change of law)
- Goal to make the message consistent across all layers of communication and to improve clarity.

XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

November 3 – 4, 2018

Chancery calendar:

Proposals due:	August 20, 2018
Summoning:	September 4, 2018
Agenda publication:	September 19, 2018
Rosters due:	October 4, 2018

Meeting location information:

Country Inn & Suites, 2713 N Causeway Blvd, Metairie, LA 70002

Room rates start at \$85/night (plus taxes/fees)

Reserve by October 2, 2018 by calling 800-830-5222 and referencing Adrian Empire Group

Note that proposals for November are due prior to the publication deadline for the minutes from this July meeting (August 28, 2018). Please reach out to us directly for rough drafts or meeting notes as needed to prepare your proposals!

XII. ADJOURNMENT

2:50 P.M., 7/28/18