

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
October 8, A.S. IX (1974)

Attendent: Don, Diana, Douglas, Mistress Geraldine-Baroness of Bufo, Sir Robert-Baron of Bufo, Sir William the Lucky, Steve Henderson, Lee Waite, Linda VonBrasket, Harold, Lord Breakstone, Count Andrew of Riga, Alice Wood, Sir Robert of Westmarch, Robin Devilmark.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 PM

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Don asked for a clarification on a total of monies reimbursed to the Newsletters.

Douglas made the following correction. In Item #2, paragraph #7 is deleted and replaced with the following: "He recommended that a special meeting should be convened two weeks from that night to deal with the membership fees; at this time the necessary information would be available."

Sir Robert of Westmarch made the following correction: that he entered the meeting between items #3 and 4.

Motion (Doug): to accept the minutes as amended; resolution: passed.

2. Steward's Report

No formal Steward's report was received; the individual officers attending presented their own reports in person.

The Exchequer reported that a large amount of money has been spent on TOURNAMENTS ILLUMINATED and the Registry. Much of the Registry money was for special items.

Diana asked Lee Waite if the amount of money the Registry receives will decrease in the future. Don answered this question saying that the amount she is concerned with is \$500 over the standard Registry budget of \$950 for that time period. The amount the Registry spends will go down from the additional sum to the standard budget. This total was for the third quarter of 1974.

It was mentioned that the Registry account and the Registry holding account can be moved to a Berkeley bank. It was resolved to establish a special account for the Registry in the Society's name by the Exchequer and the Registrar; The persons able to cash checks on this account will be the Exchequer and the Registrar. It was noted that the old holding account in Sunnyvale must be resolved to be closed.

Motion (Doug): that the old holding account be closed; resolution: passed. Motion (Diana): that the Exchequer's report be accepted; resolution: passed.

The Chronicler submitted a written report. He said that he had received the Chronicler's contracts from the Chroniclers of the kingdoms of the West and Middle, but had not received any from the East and Atenveldt.

The Seneschal's Handbook will be delayed.

The Exchequer noted that he submitted a petition to the US Postal Service not to revoke the Society's 2nd class mailing permit. He received notice that a hearing on this matter will take place in Washington DC on October 23, 1974. Since it would be difficult for any of the Board members or the concerned officers to attend

the hearing in person, it was suggested that the Post Office be requested to move the hearing to San Francisco. (It was later learned that the Post Office Attourney requested that the Society be given an extension of six months to prove their willingness to uphold its promise to catch up and maintain its schedule. The judge in the case granted the request.) The Exchequer stated that he no longer wishes to be involved in the matter as he has carried it thus far by himself. The Chronicler said that he is willing to carry the matter from this point. Diana said that she is willing to assist him.

Several suggestions were made concerning what to do if the permit is revoked. TI could be made an annual journal; it could be mailed 3rd class (about \$100/issue) until it is caught up, at which time the 2nd class permit could be reapplied for; the Society could also apply for a second class permit until TI is caught up (which means that one issue would have to be mailed per month), at which time it could be changed back to quarterly.

Doug noted that the issue about to be completed can be mailed on the second class permit.

Motion (Diana): to accept the Chronicler's report; resolution: passed.

A special report was submitted by the Lord Laurel King-of-Arms in the person the person of the Tribune, Harold, Lord Breakstone, under the Lord Laurel's direction. The report was in written form. Contained there-in was a petition to remove one Brad Bishop, self-proclaimed seneschal of the free city of Mermanstadt in the city of Dallas in the state of Texas. The Tribune requested immediate action by the Board.

Motion (Don): that the rule requiring two weeks prior notice to the Board for all materials to be presented be put in abbayance for this matter; resolution: passed.

Don mentioned that Mr. Bishop's claim of Protectorate status could have resulted from the action of a former king of Atenveldt which was to banish Mermanstadt from the kingdom of Atenveldt and deliver them as a ward to the Board of Directors.

The Tribune said that he intends to pursue the petition of removal (perhaps at the next meeting) and that he has a voluminous file on the matter at home which the Board may pursue at its discretion.

The report contained written and notarized testimony in the matter; it was noted that each of the persons submitting reports is willing to appear in a court of law to give legal testimony.

The Board of Directors wishes to offer its extreme gratitude to the Imperial Tribune for his extensive efforts in dealing with this matter.

It was decided that a letter should be sent to Mr. Bishop advising him of the proceedings and providing him an opportunity to reply to the charges against him. If he declines to answer or cannot provide a substancial defence he should be removed.

It was noted that the Corpora contains no provision for expulsion from the Society; however, banishment from a kingdom and the Society is possible upon recommendation by a Court of Chivalry. This sort of problem has occured before in the Society when one of its members endangered the organization by breaking government law. In such cases the Board of Directors is obligated to protect

itself and the organization by those means dictated by the circumstance, including expulsion. Therefore, if the Society finds that it is endangered by one of its members, it is at leave to expell that member.

The report was concluded with nine recommendations for action by the Board in this matter. The Board acted in the following manner to each recommendation.

1. Mr. Bishop's claim to the free city of Mermanstadt would be encouraged in no manner whatsoever. Motion (Doug): to reopen the application to found Mermanstadt; resolution: passed. Motion (Diana): that the application be refused; resolution: passed. The application to found the free city of Mermanstadt is denied.

2. The March of the Steppes is already an authorized branch in the city of Dallas, Texas.

3. Mr. Bishop is barred from holding any office in the Society or representing himself as an officer of the SCA until the matter is concluded.

4. It was resolved to include in the letter to Mr. Bishop advice that similar conduct in the future would necessitate immediate expulsion from the Society, all of its events, and that the Society would take any legal action against him it deems necessary, be it civil or criminal.

5. A letter would be sent to all persons having submitted complaints concerning Mr. Bishop and to Steven Hale disclaiming all responsibility for Mr. Bishop's actions, particularly in the area of religion.

6. Mr. Bishop is directed to return all monies received by him for membership or any other SCA related reason, that have not been forwarded to the proper quarters, to their sources and that he is to provide a complete accounting to the Board of the source, destination, and fate of all such monies given to him.

7. The Board took no action on this recommendation.

8. This matter was accepted and is being done.

9. This recommendation is already in progress and is being conducted by the Branch in Dallas called Stargate. It was noted earlier that if someone attempted to register the Society trademark, the SCA would be able to prove its claim of prior holding with its own documents. However, the most advantageous course of action would be to register the SCA trademark or as a corporation in the State of Texas as quickly as possible. The Board offers its aid and comfort to those persons who are attempting to do so.

Motion (Diana): that the Lord Laurel's report be accepted; resolution: passed, with commendation to the Tribune and all other persons who have contributed there to.

Motion: to accept the Steward's report; resolution: passed.

3. (Agenda item #3-A) A petition to found a Shire in Boulder, Colorado was presented. It was remanded to the Steward.

4. (Agenda item #4-A) A proposal concerning the definition of "family membership. Motion: to table this item; resolution: passed.

5. (Agenda item #5-A) Mistress Geraldine's proposal concerning distinguishing between "official" Society Tourneys and Revels and unofficial fund-raising tourneys and revels. (With a rider suggesting an alternative to this proposal. The steward is now con-

sidering several proposals from Sir William the Lucky in this matter. It was thought prudent to wait on Lady Geraldine's proposals until the Steward has responded. Motion: to table this proposal; resolution: passed.

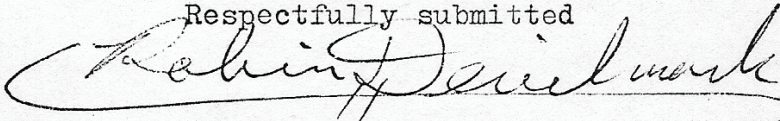
6. Diana noted that it would be wise to periodically conduct a search of the minutes to determine that everything recommended, resolved, and charged has been done.

7. Don submitted a proposal that the Society subscribe to a periodical called Foundation News (at a cost of \$15/year). The Exchequer gave his approval. Motion: to subscribe to Foundation News; resolution: passed.

8. Motion (Dough): To adjourn the meeting; resolution: passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Devilmark". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Robin Devilmark,
Clerke of the Chancery

