

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 PM on 10 June 1975 (X A.S.)

Present: Members of the Board - Doug Olsen (Douglas Brownbeard), Chairman and Exchequer
Diana Studebaker (Diana Listmaker)
David Green (Ruthven of Rockridge)
Bill Rolls (William of Hoghton)
Carolyn Conroy

Visitors and Staff - Bob Cook (Robin Devilmark), Clerke of the Board
Andy Smith (Andrew of Riga), King of the West
Patrice Shane (Patrice d'Cilla), Queen of the West
Richard Barnhart (Richard of Mont Real), Registrar
Robert Meyer (Robert of Westmarch)
Trude Copland (Trude Lacklandia)
Geri Orser (Geraldine of Toad Hall)
Adrienne Barnes (Adrienne of Toledo)
Henrik Olsgaard (Henrik of Havn)
Randy Millen (Bonceuer)
Sharon Green (Rima of Rockridge), Mistress of Arts
(Draggi)
Bill Jouris (William the Lucky)

1. a. Adoption of the Agenda.

The agenda was amended by unanimous consent to include the following:

- 4.a. also Cariadoc's questions concerning the Earl Marshal of the East, the rights of Kings, and Courts of Chivalry.
- 4.d. Women fighting.
- 4.e. Abatements of Arms.
- 4.f. Addressograph Lease.

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended: Moved: Bill, Seconded: Carolyn; Passed (4-0)*

1. b. Minutes of the previous meeting.

A question was raised by Andy concerning item 4.b. of the minutes of the meeting of 13 May 1975. The Clerke will listen to the tapes and confirm the wording of the motion. If he finds a conflict, he will inform the Board next month; otherwise the minutes were approved as written by unanimous consent.

2. Since reports frequently come in closer to the meeting date than 15 days, the Board determined to accept them as they have them on the date of the meeting, in order to have information which is as current as possible.

Exchequer - The report of the Exchequer for 1974 (to be published in TI) was distributed to the Board, as was the report for May 1975 and a proposed budget for 1975. It was noted that an item is listed for 'salary' and the question of payments for FICA (Social Security) was raised. The Exchequer will investigate the Society's obligations in this matter. 'Stock' means back issues of TI and such other merchandise as the Stock Clerk sells, not shares in the Corporation. The Exchequer announced that Robert Meyer has volunteered to take over some of the work of the Exchequer and, hopefully, eventually the Exchequer itself.

Motion: To accept the Exchequer's report with commendation.

Moved: Carolyn, Second: Diana; Passed (4-0)

* Unless otherwise noted, votes of (4-0) reflect the fact that the Chair did not vote.

Registrar - Things are getting straightened out. The Chronicler of the Middle has (as of this evening) not recieved her mailing tape, sent sir-mail, first class last Wednesday. Since Postal service continues to be poor, alternative methods of distributing mailing tapes will be investigated.

3. No routine new business.

4.a. Consideration of various proposals and questions from Cariadoc of the Bow.

1. Concerning Cariadoc's appeal of the Marshal's non-action on approval of an Earl Marshal for the East Kingdom.

Motion: That the Board reply to Duke Cariadoc that it has full confidance in Count Ironstead's handling of the matter. That the Board regrets the delay but believes that the appointment of high Kingdom Officers is too important to be done for the sake of haste, and that a Great Officer of State may reasonably be expected to last through a number of reigns of different Kings and should be able to work satisfactorily with all of them as well as the other major officers.

Moved: Bill, Second: David; Passed (5-0)

2. Concerning Cariadoc's appeal from the Marshal's interpretation of the Corpora regarding the non-jury determination of a verdict of a Court of Chivalry.

Motion: That the Board reply Duke Cariadoc that it upholds Count Ironstead's interpretation of the Corpora.

Moved: Bill, Second: David, Passed (4-0)

Motion: That the following be presented for comment in accordance with the Board's policy:

That the Corpora Volume II, Entry 6, Paragraph IV, Section G, Number 2 be amended as follows:

If there is no jury, the Court shall determine the verdict in the same manner as would a jury, with the Earl Marshal acting as foreman.

Moved: Bill, Second: David

Motion to Table: David, Second: Diana; Passed David - Yes

Diana - Yes

Carolyn - Yes

Bill - No

Doug - Abstain

3. Concerning Cariadoc's request for an interpretation of the Corpora regarding the rights of Kings.

Motion: That the Board reply to Duke Cariadoc that the King is not bound by Kingdom Law, as the Corpora gives him the privledge to make laws for the Kingdom, which includes the implied right to change, add to, modify, repeal, suspend, etc. such laws. However as the Corpora also requires him to uphold and abide by the Laws of the Kingdom, and requires him to repeal old laws before making new conflicting ones, and to proclaim and publish such actions, the situation described by his Grace should properly be appealed to the Board, through the Lord Laurel, as violations of the Corpora for the Board to handle. In any event, the disciplining of Kings and ex-Kings for actions taken while King, is reserved by the Corpora to the Board and is expressly forbidden to all others. Further that the Board interpretation of Corpora Volume II, Entry 5, Paragraph e, Section 4, is that the King does not have the right to dispose of Kingdom funds in any way he see's fit unless such funds have been specifically collected for that purpose.

Moved: Bill, Second: David; Passed (5-0)

4. Motion: That the following proposed change in the Corpora be submitted for comment in accordance with Board policy:

That a new entry be made:

All funds collected in the name of the SCA are by their nature tax

deductable donations, subject to the strict control of the SCA through the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Any officer or member of the Society who collects, disburses, holds, or is in any way responsible for funds collected under the auspices of or in the name of the SCA must submit, through the appropriate Kingdom Officer, to the Chancellor of the Exchequer periodic and regular statements in such form and manner, and at such times, as the Chancellor shall direct.

Moved: Bill, Second: Carolyn; Passed (5-0)

Motion: That the following proposed amendment to the By-Laws be submitted for Comment in accordance with Board policy:

Article V, Section 6 (add after existing):

The Chancellor of the Exchequer shall determine that all funds collected in the name of the Society or any of its branches or offices are properly held and disbursed in accordance with regular accounting practices and the policies of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., as determined by the Board of Directors. He shall direct all Officers or members responsible for such funds to make regular and periodic statements in such manner and form, and at such times, as he shall require.

Moved: Bill, Second: Diana; Passed (5-0)

5. Concerning Cariadoc's proposals concerning jury trials, et al.

Motion: That the Board reply to Duke Cariadoc that although it has no objection to the concept of the right of the accused to trial by jury, it believes that such would need to be stated in the Corpora superceding the Earl Marshal's right to make the determination, and not stated in Kingdom Law.

A Court of Chivalry, according to the Corpora, is a Corporate Court, and it is the Board's interpretation that for that reason, the Earl Marshal during the arranging and conduct of the Court, is acting in the capacity of a Corporate Officer, albeit temporarily, and is, during that period, not subject to either the Laws of any Kingdom or to the will of any Monarch in the fulfillment of such obligations assigned to him by the Corpora.

Further that such a Kingdom Law would conflict with the current Corpora article giving discretion, except in capital cases, to the Earl Marshal, thus rendering such a Law null and void.

Therefore the Board earnestly requests Duke Cariadoc to submit to the Board a proposed Corpora change.

As to the second proposal, the Board has no objection but would like to point out the following:

1. If placed in Kingdom Law, the King could order the Seneschal to disregard it.
2. The best time for such an oath to be effective would be publically at each Coronation after an oath to the new King but before the new King could also order him to conceal something.
3. If a King violates his Kingdom's Laws, the Seneschal is responsible for reporting it to the Steward as a Corpora violation. Failure to do so also makes the Seneschal subject to Board action.

Moved: Bill, Second: David; Passed (5-0)

Motion to take up agenda item 4.f. out of sequence. Moved: David; Passed (5-0)

4.f. Addressograph rental.

A lease agreement concerning the Society's Addressograph machine and certain other equipment previously used by the Registry was presented by Randy Millen, prospective leasee. There was extensive discussion of the inventory of items involved, and the possible need of the Society for some of them (eg the Registry for a filing cabinet.)

Motion: To reject the contract and to instruct the Chancellor of the Exchequer to negotiate further with David Hodgehead, acting for Randall G. Millen, taking into account the discussion, including specifically the need of the Registry for a filing cabinet. Pending the development of a new contract proposal, to allow Randall G. Millen the use of the equipment detailed in the inventory at a rate of \$10.00 per month for a period not to exceed three (3) months.

Moved: David; Passed (5-0)

(NB One month's rental was paid on the spot.)

Motion to extend the meeting until 11:00PM. Moved: Carolyn, Second: David; Passed (5-0)

4.b. Approval of a disclaimer statement for 'unofficial' newsletters.

Motion: The Chronicler of the Society is directed to draft for the Board's consideration at their July meeting, an appropriate statement for inclusion in 'unofficial' Society newsletters, or a statement as to why this is either unwise or unnecessary.

Moved: Bill, Second: David; Passed (5-0)

4.c. Acceptance of Hal Keen's resignation of his rank of Laurel.

Motion: The Board acknowledges, with deepest regrets, Hal Keen's resignation from the Order of the Laurel, and the King of the Middle's acceptance thereof.

Moved: Bill, Second: David; Passed (5-0)

4.d. Women fighting.

Motion: Pending further study of the submitted documents, the Board finds nothing in present rules and policies to prohibit women as a class from fighting upon the field.

Moved: David, Second: Bill

There was some discussion of whether or not there is a currently existing policy. Also as to whether the Marshal of the Society ever declared there to be, and if so, whether it was advisable to appear to be overriding the possible declaration.

Motion: To table this matter, making it the first item of Old Business for the July meeting. Further, to solicit the opinion of the Marshal of the Society on the matter, but to consider it in July whether he replies or not.

Moved: Carolyn, Second: David; Passed
Diana - Yes
Carolyn - Yes
Doug - Yes
Bill - No
David - Abstain

The Board then proceeded to item 5.b by unanimous consent.

5.b. Doug wishes to publicly appologize for not having responded yet to Iosephs response to the Board's letter of last meeting.

Motion: In the light of his (Joseph Bettancourt's/Ioseph of Locksley's) reply and request, the Board requests his resignation as Lord Laurel King of Arms at their July meeting.

Moved: David, Second: Bill; Passed (5-0)

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4.e. Concerning Abatements of Arms.

Motion: To table this matter until next meeting.

Moved: Carolyn, Second: Diana; Passed (5-0)

5.a. Amending the By-Laws to make the Marshal a Corporate Officer.

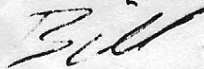
Two possible amendments were discussed.

Motion: To refer this to a committee of Bill and Diana , which will prepare a suggestion for the July meeting.

Moved: David, Second: Diana; Passed (5-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill", is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Agenda (as amended)
Meeting of the Board of Directors
10 June 1975 (X A.S.)

1. Preliminary Matters.
 - a. Adoption of the Agenda
 - b. Presentation of the minutes of the previous meeting
2. Reports.
(None recieved as of 27 May).
3. Routine New Business.
(None as of 27 May)
4. Old Business
 - a. Board Consideration of two proposals from Cariadoc of the Bow. Also Cariadoc's questions concerning the Earl Marshal of the East, the rights of Kings, and Courts of Chivalry.
 - b. Approval of a 'disclaimer' statement for all 'unofficial' Society newsletters.
 - c. Acceptance of Hal Keen's resignation of his rank of Laurel.
 - d. Women fighting.
 - e. Abatements of Arms.
 - f. Addressograph Lease proposal.
5. New Business.
 - a. Amendment of the By-Laws of the Society to make the Marshal of the Society an officer of the Corporation.
 - b. Removal of Joseph Bettancourt (Ioseph of Locksley) as Lord Laurel King of Arms of the Society.
 - c. Consideration of the need to amend various sections of the Corpora.
6. Personnel Session.
 - a. Consideration of possible appointees as Laurel Principal King of Arms.
7. Adjournment: 10:30.