

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., held on January 13, 1976, at 6174 Bernhard, Richmond, California.

Attending: Douglas Olsen, David Green, Diana Studebaker, William Rolls, Carolyn Conroy

Also present: Donna Rolls, Chris Rolls, Alison Rolls, Robin Rolls, William Jouris, Paul Porter, Carol Porter, Andrew Smith, Lee Waite, Linda von Brasket, Trude Coupeland, Denis McBroom, Mary McBroom, William Shirley, Mark Shander, G. Christian Lindahold, Larry Fontaine, Robert Meyer, Anders Swenson, Barbara Swenson, Richard Barnhart, Virginia Barnhart, Sharon Green, Alice Wood, Mary Poor, Anthony Ferruci, Dave Thewlis, Ardis Waters, Paul Seiro, Virginia Earley.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m.

#### I. Agenda and minutes

- A. An item for automatic adjournment at 11:00 p.m. was added to the agenda and the agenda was adopted as amended.
- B. The minutes of the December meeting were approved subject to possible recall and revision at the next meeting.

#### II. Special recognition

Trude Lacklandia (Trude Coupeland) presented an appointment from the King of Atenveldt as Atenveldt's ambassadress to the BoD. The appointment was unanimously accepted.

#### III. Executive Session

After an executive session, Douglas announced that the Board has accepted the resignation of Robert Meyer as Clerk of the Society and had appointed Virginia Barnhart acting clerk. The appointment will be reconsidered after a two month probationary period.

#### IV. Reports

- A. Chronicler's report for December. Received without objection.
- B. Registrar's report for December. Received without objection.
- C. Letter from the Lady Laurel concerning arms which have recently been approved or rejected. Tabled until the next meeting to give the Board a chance to study it.
- D. Marshall's report. Tabled until next meeting, as above.
- E. Steward's report. Tabled until next meeting, as above.

A motion was made by William Rolls to take up item VI. A. on the agenda at this time as it pertained to the Stewards report. Approved.

#### VI. A. Extraordinary commission.

William proposed creating an extraordinary commission to survey the Known World and report the boundaries of all groups and determine in which states the SCA has been incorporated. William Jouris named to head the commission. Approved unanimously.

#### IV. Reports (cont.)

##### F. Master of Sciences report.

William of the Shire reported verbally. He said that the state of the sciences on the lower level is adequate but that too much emphasis is being placed on the martial sciences. Communication is also a problem. He requested permission to appoint deputies-at-large to work directly with him outside the hierarchy of the society. He requested that the board recognize the formal structure of the College of Sciences, and discussed the possibility of an independent journal of the Sciences. He also said he is establishing contact with museums, schools, etc. and asked for ideas for projects for the College. Douglas and Carolyn requested a written outline of his proposals for the College and its journal. The report was accepted without objection.

G. Report from the Seneschal of Atenveldt. Tabled until next meeting to let the board study it.

H. Report on the University of Madrone. Carol Porter reported that the request to make the University a charter barony has been withdrawn in favor of changing the University's charter. The University is now the University of Ithra, campus of Madrone, with the hope that more campuses will be created. The number of regents is increased to 5. The Crown of the West has approved the charter. A financial statement was presented. Douglas will write to Michael the Black, as he requested, concerning data necessary for future reports. Report accepted without objection.

I. Exchequer's reports for November and December. Accepted without objection. The Board approved a bank account for the office of Equestrian Arts of the West.

#### V. Old Business

A. Incorporation in the State of Washington. William Rolls stated that no action is being taken by either group pending correspondence between the Board's lawyer and theirs.

B. Land Fund of the Kingdom of the West. The Board passed a resolution to have George Lydon draft an instrument of trust for the fund to be presented to the Board. Passed with one abstention (Carolyn).

C. Andrew Smith's report on women fighting. Andy said that of the 29 letters he had received, 16 were favorable, 9 favorable with conditions, and 4 negative. Andrew suggested changes in the Corpora and By-Laws to deal with some of the problems of women fighting (i.e. terminology, methods of dealing with fighters who don't want to fight with women, etc.), and he suggested that the kingdoms each decide for themselves. A long discussion followed in which Kings Aonghais and Denis (East and Atenveldt) and Dukes Paul and Andrew (West) explained how their kingdoms had handled the situation and the feelings of the people in their kingdoms. David explained more fully the Board's actions.

Aonghais said that the letter published from the Board did not give the impression that they were soliciting opinions. Diana said she would write a further letter to the newsletters.

David suggested that a committee be appointed to draft proposed Corpora changes concerning women fighting, the committee to be headed by Douglas.

The report was received without objection.

At this time, the agenda was changed to make adjournment time 11:15. All other business, not being urgent, was tabled until the next meeting.

The discussion on women fighting resumed. Many of those present felt it imperative that the Board take some action soon, but it was also felt that they should not take any action without considering all the implications of that action.

David moved to thank all the foreign visitors for attending the meeting and for their help and suggestions. Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

## Agenda

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for Creative Anachronism, Inc., for January 13, 1976.

- I. Adoption of agenda and acceptance of previous minutes.
- II. Reception of ambassadress from Atenvelt
- III. Executive session
- IV. Reports
  - A. Chronicler's report for December
  - B. Registrar's report for December
  - C. Letter from the Lady Laurel
  - D. Marshall's report
  - E. Steward's report
  - F. Master of Science's report
  - G. Report from Michael of Moria
  - H. Report from Carol Porter on the University of Madrone
  - I. Exchequer's reports for November and December
- V. Old business
  - A. Incorporation in the state of Washington
  - B. The land fund of the Kingdom of the West
  - C. Andrew Smith's report on women fighting
  - D. Letter from Ardis on extensions of T.I. subscriptions
  - E. Letter from Karina, Lady Laurel
- VI. New Business
  - A. Extraordinary commission proposed by W. Rolls
  - B. Request for Baronial status from Adiantum
  - C. Freeholds in Atenvelt
  - D. Letters to the BoD.
  - E. Matters to be presented by King Aonghais of the East.