

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 1979

Board members present:

Jean Macmillan, Chair
Dave Thewlis
John Trimble
Rhea Stone III

Staff members present:

Deborah Bennett, Clerk
Hilda Powers, Chancellor of
the Exchequer

Others present:

Allen Holub
Margaret Hickey
Lonna Alexander
Pavel Curtis
CrissAnnette
Kindred
William Keyes

The meeting was held at the house of Jean Macmillan. It began with an executive session which was held before the regular meeting time, beginning at 7:00. The regular meeting was called to order at 8:14.

- I. The agenda was established with the following emendations: adding V A, concerning the Laurel Sovereign at Arms; adding VF, a report on T.I. 49 and 50.

M/s/c Dave - John to accept the agenda as established; this was carried unanimously.

- II. It was noted that the minutes from the June 26, 1979 special meeting of the Board had been approved.

III. Reports

- A. Steward's report: Concerning the current activities of the various Kingdoms, the Steward reports that she has at last received a comprehensive report from the East..it seems that in part it was delayed by the recent marriage of the new Seneschale and other mundane matters of similar power to interrupt. No news from the West at present. Meridies is functioning smoothly. Atenveldt is settling itself after the split with Ansteorra,with the Sun finally in the process of getting official recognition as a Principality (a matter of catching up on old misplaced paperwork) and Master Baldwin of Erebor becoming the new Aten Principle Herald. Ansteorra has crowned its first King, Jonathon de Laufyson, and the Queen will be crowned on July 14, the split coronation being due to her Highness having to work on the original date of the coronation. Caid is doing well, the situation concerning Darachshire is being investigated and the Kingdom is beginning to relax after the recent Court of Chivalry. The Middle is also going well.

She further reported that the Chancellor for Caid had investigated the legal issues involved with the request for a sub-incorporation in Texas, and saw no reason why it could

not be done. It is considered that it should not be established as an SCA-wide precedent for local incorporations which would be a sticky problem indeed, but in this particular case, involving the financial issue of the monies received in connection with the Texas Renaissance Festival as well as the peculiarities of Texas law, the action seems a reasonable one to take.

The Steward is also concerned over non-receipt of reports from the new Society Marshall, and with the problem of trying to find a way to streamline the procedures for the recognition of new groups. She also stated at this time that she wishes to recommend the current Seneschal of Meridies, Master Cathal MacEdan, as her successor in the Office of Steward.

The Board made the following motion concerning the sub incorporation in Texas:

M/s/c John-Stone that the Board on the recommendation of its ex officio legal advisor accept the incorporation in Texas as advised, and that the present ombudsman for the Kingdoms of Ansteorra and Atenveldt, Dave Thewlis, be directed to handle the official notification and co-ordination of this project.

The motion was carried unanimously

M/s/c Stone-Dave to receive the Steward's report. This was carried unanimously.

- B. Chancellor of the Exchequer's report: Hilary presented the June report, which indicated that we continue to prosper. She also brought up the mid-year summary, and said that as usual, expenses were under projections in many areas, and income was over expectations. There were three areas that needed revising concerning the monies allotted to them for the year, as they were going over the projected figures. In each case, she pointed out, the expenditures were perfectly reasonable, but it was a matter of offices that had never really fully functioned before now showing a more realistic approximate of what they actually involved in terms of expenses. The specific areas were the Steward, the Clerk, and the Registry. She requested an authorization to increase the budget in each of these categories.

M/s/c Dave-John to authorize a variance in the budget for the Steward, the Registry, and the Clerk at the discretion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and to direct her to figure out a more reasonable amount for these offices for future budgets.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The chancellor also brought up the matter of the rapidly

vanishing remaining \$7 subscriptions, and asked if the Board would approve, for the sake of simplicity in the bookkeeping since the amounts involved are now fairly negligible, the payment of monies to the newsletters to be calculated with all the subscriptions taken as \$10 subscriptions. The Board initiated the following motion:

M/s/c John-Dave that for the purpose of paying the newsletters and T.I. that the remaining \$7 subscriptions be considered as \$10 subscriptions.

This was passed unanimously.

- C. Registry report: there was none
- D. Report from the Committee of the Whole: there was none, since the special Board meeting of June 26 totally pre-empted the scheduled CoW meeting of that evening.

IV. Routine Business

- A. New Branches: The following new branches were approved pending the usual approvals from the Registry and the Laurel office:

M/s/c Dave-Stone to approve the following branches: Shire of the Wandering Minstrels (Tarkio Missouri & Atchison, Holt, & North Daway Counties); Shire of Dearne Ansilet (Ann Arbor, MI); Canton of Oktibbeha (Starkville MS); College of Caudor (Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA); Canton of the Iron Forest (Suffern & Sloatsburg NY); Shire of the Silver Meadows (Lexington MASS); Shire of the Stronghold of Elfsea (Fort Worth, TX); Shire of Winter's Gate (Fairbanks AK).

These were passed unanimously.

- B. Changes in Status: The following branches were recommended for changes in status:

M/s/c Dave-Stone that the following branches be approved as baronies: Barony of Hammerhold (formerly Shire of the Black Hole, northern Mississippi); Barony of Nordskogen (Minneapolis, MN); Barony of Caer Anterth Mor (Milwaukee, WI). These were passed unanimously.

M/s/c Dave-John to approve retroactively the existence of the Principality of the Sun (the State of Arizona). This was passed unanimously.

- C. Legal Agents: there were none

V. Old Business

- A. Concerning the Laurel Sovereign at Arms:

M/s/c John-Dave that the Board accept the resignation of

Karina of the Far West as the Laurel Queen at Arms as of July 1, 1979, and that they approve and warrant William Keyes (Wilhelm von Schlüssel) as the Laurel King at Arms as of that date. The Board further directs the Clerk to write a letter to Karina of the Far West expressing their thanks and appreciation for her service to the Society in this office.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- B. Cumulative Old Business list: item by item the list went as follows:
1. The Known World Handboke: it was reported that Tamera had consulted with her co-editor at this point, and the final work was in progress. Publication is still expected in time to sell copies at the Pennsic War. It is expected that sale of the handbook will easily enable the publishers to repay the loan that they were given by the SCA to put the manuscript together.
 2. Land negotiation by the Sciences in Arizona: it was considered that since this issue had come up three years earlier and nothing has been heard of it since that it should probably be dropped from the old business list. M/s/c Dave-John to strike it from the list. Carried unanimously.
 3. establishment of a central office: no comment on this at present; it remains on the list for future consideration.
 4. budget revisions to come up at the July meeting: these were taken care of during the report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and are thus off of the list at this time.
 5. two more Board members: this was remanded to the second executive session in the evening. It will remain on the list until a decision has been reached on the subject.
 6. T.I. index: no comment on this at present; it remains on the list for future consideration.
 7. regular reports not received from national officers: in the case of the Marshall it was recommended that he be reminded about doing it. In general it was thought to be a good idea to sit down at a meeting of the Board, with input from the Steward, and actually define what the criteria for reports were, frequency, etc.
 8. Medics; Marshall's report: Lonna said that she had expected Phil to be present tonight to report on this, but he did not appear. She said that all the

appropriate paperwork had gone in to the King of the West and to Phil, but that was very recently and it might well have been that there had not been sufficient time to take any action on it. General opinion was that it was about time that something happened on this issue, as well as the next item on the list (national liability insurance) and the following motion was made:

M/s/c John-Dave that items #8 and #9 on the Cumulative Old Business list be placed on the active Old Business portion of the agenda for the next Board meeting with a notation that the Board expects to hear from the Marshall of the Society on these issues at the next meeting. This was passed unanimously.

9. national liability insurance: this was taken care of under the preceding item.
10. registration information: there was no report on this matter at this time; it continues on the cumulative list.
11. liability and the Land Fund monies: this was to have gone to the legal advisor for comment, but seems to have been mislaid somewhere. John made a note to ask Thin Robert about it at the earliest opportunity and report back.
12. the second edition of the Fighter's Handbook: this is waiting for Dave and Phil to be able to get together and make the recommended editorial changes. It will happen when they can.
13. policy statements, By-laws, and the Corpora synthesis: this will be dealt with as soon as it can be. There was discussion about the best process for dealing with the By-law revisions; Dave had said that an amended document should probably be sent down to Thin Robert to review before it was actually adopted by the Board. It was agreed that this was a good idea. At this time Stone's proposal concerning a policy decision on the discipline of SCA members was added into the body of material to be considered at that time.
14. T.I. #49 & #50: It was already known that issue #49 had finally gone in to the printer's , and that #50 was in the care of a consortium of people in Caid, who expect to have it out by the end of the summer if not sooner. Dave at this time reported on a letter that Tamera had received from Geirr Bassi requesting assurance from both her and the Board that should he resign after publishing issue #49 the commitments he had made to publish a number of articles would still be honored in one of the next two issues. Dave then presented to the Board a letter of reply which he had written to Geirr

Bassi, giving that assurance and expressing thanks for his efforts in the job of editor of T.I. The Board approved the letter and it was passed around for signatures, the letter to be sent out as soon as possible.

15. amendments to the By-laws (from the June 26 meeting): after a certain amount of discussion whether to deal with them at this time or remand them to the general By-law revision it was decided to put them into the general By-law revision process. M/s/c/ Stone-John and passed unanimously, to remand the proposed By-law revisions concerning length of term of service on the Board and rotating chairmanship to the regular By-law revision process.

- C. Darachshire: Stone gave a report on the Darachshire situation as requested by the Board at the June 12 meeting. Much of the tenor of the situation at this point is due to rather differing views by the two sides of the dispute. The people of Darachshire feel that two years ago when they first applied for Baronial status they qualified, but that subsequent trials, tribulations, harassment, etc. from the part of higher levels has caused a decline in the group, and in their willingness to put out much further effort. They feel that they still deserve the status change in view of the problems they have had to cope with. The other point of view in the matter is that the group is disorganized, not trying to be in the least cooperative, and that since they do not at this time qualify for the status change they should not receive it. (This is, of course, somewhat of an oversimplification as all such summaries are by default).

The Board discussed what action to take, if any could be appropriately taken by the Board: at this juncture. It was decided that the petition brought before the Board at the June 12 meeting by the Seneschale of Darachshire was to be considered as an official petition for a change in status. In conjunction with this the Board would need the official paperwork, which Stone was requested to communicate to the Seneschale. It was decided that in this case, being somewhat irregular, it should be sent directly to the Steward rather than wending its way up the normal, slower channels. At the time the completed, documented application was before the Board it would be further considered for action.

- D. Herald's Meeting: Bill Keyes announced with enthusiastic succinctness "We did it!". He then went on to say that the meeting had brought the backlog down from 2 1/2 years to one month, since they did not get the May letters of intent processed. The mass letter of acceptance/rejection should be going out the next weekend. The Ordinary updates should be done this month. He has the files now. The rules for submissions etc. should be published soon, in T.I. and also probably in the Kingdom newsletters. He also noted that one

of the other things that the Heralds had done in their copious spare time (?!) that weekend was to update the mailing labels for the Winter issue of T.I. so that the potential problem of the expense of returned issues was largely avoided.

M/s/c Dave-Stone that the Board officially thank the former Laurel Queen at Arms, the current Laurel King at Arms, the Kingdom heralds, their representatives, and everyone else that was present and assisting in the process of the symposium for their work and dedication. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to all those who were present at the meeting, with copies to the monarchs of the seven Kingdoms, expressing the heartfelt gratitude of the Board.

The motion was carried unanimously.

- E. Corpora Revision: Dave reported that there has been very little response to the last distribution of the proposed Corpora. He had commentary from Ansteorra and Atenveldt, since he had been through there recently and had solicited responses, but there has been no other input. It was decided to take up the question of the latest proposed version at the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole, which was set for July 31, to begin at 5:45, as soon as Dave brought John in from the airport. At this time the entire package of Corpora, By-laws and policy decisions will be dealt with.
- F. T.I. #49 and #50: this was already taken care of under the cumulative old business list.

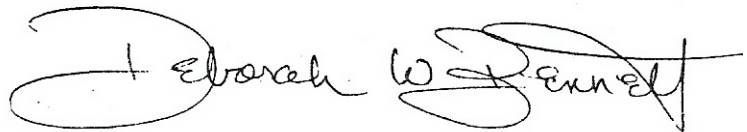
VI. New Business: there was none

VII. Communications: the following communications were received; the first four are from the June 12 meeting, where there was not enough time to consider them.

- A. Irene Borys: this was a letter concerning subscription problems. A reply had been tendered already, and the parts of the problem that were able to be resolved by the Registry had already been taken care of.
- B. Terrell Coleman: this was a response to a letter that he had received from the Steward; in this case the problem had also resolved itself.
- C. Anthony Noble: this was a letter requesting information on and giving formal notification of intention of establishing a shire in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Board instructed that a letter of thanks be written and that the information request be passed on to the Steward.

- D. Janice Peters: This was also a notification of intent to petition for status as a shire, this from the Tri-cities area of Washington. Again, the Board requested a letter of thanks be written, and the matter be remanded to the Steward.
 - E. Tamera FitzGloucestre: this was a copy to the Board of her recent report to the Steward on her office as National Chronicler. It was received as informational.
 - F. Hagar the Bear: this was a letter to the Board on behalf of Duke Aonghais concerning the matter of the Court of Chivalry. As the issue is closed as far as the involvement of the Board is concerned, the letter was simply received.
 - G. Ernest Eliceo & Matilda Somerfeld: this was another letter written on Duke Aonghais' behalf; it was also received.
 - H. letter from the Middle Kingdom: there was no copy of this particular communication, but it was a letter that Jean had received as Ombudswoman for the Middle, and it stated the intent of the states of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and a small portion of north western Arkansas to form a principality...the first that the Middle will have. The Board received the information.
- VIII. Executive session: the Board held a second executive session. There were no announcements after it ended.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13

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

Deborah W. Bennett
Clerk of the Board