

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
29 August 1982

Board Members Present: Staff Members Present: Others Present:
Henrik Olsgaard, Chair Cliveden Chew Haas, (none)
Mike Woodford Corporate Secretary
Larry Mannion

Present by Teleconference:

Robert Himmelsbach Sandra Adams, Steward

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm at the house of Cliveden Chew Haas.

I. Establishment of Agenda: The Agenda was approved as amended.

II. Approval of Minutes:

M/s/c Mike-Rob to approve the 1 August minutes as corrected.

III. Reports:

A. Steward:

The Steward had prepared comments on the agenda. No crises are currently erupting.

B. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

M/s/c Mike-Larry to move \$10,000 from the money market account to the Registry Holding Account to cover the expense of \$8,742.60 for printing the KNOWN WORLD HANDBOKE and the estimated \$1,900 for printing the proceeding of the Meridies Heraldic Symposium.

Shelley needs assistance in untangling the financial accounts of the Society for 1981 and to bring 1982 into order. Accounts have not been posted since October 1981 and the records she received are in considerable disarray. She requested that the Exchequer of the East, who is willing and able to help, be subsidized for travel expense to fly to Rochester for the Labor Day weekend.

M/s/c Larry-Mike to authorize the expenditure of approximately \$140 to transport assistance to the Deputy Chancellor of the Exchequer to straighten out accounts.

C. Corporate Office:

The Registry is now printing 10,000 labels per month for the nine Kingdom newsletters. The Stock Clerk's Office is doing a brisk business as more and more newsletters carry the price list. Turnaround time on orders is about two weeks. Audrey Aalid has been in the hospital and is now recuperating from surgery, so the Librarian's Index to TOURNAMENTS ILLUMINATED is not yet completed. She continues work on it as she is able.

The contract to purchase a computer for the Society was cancelled, as the contractor was not able to fulfill the conditions agreed upon. The search continues . . . Anyone interested in obtaining the specifications may contact the Corporate Secretary for a copy of our Request for Proposal.

D. Laurel King of Arms: Laurel's report was received.

At this point a discussion arose on the proper procedure to be followed when a member or officer has a complaint against a corporate officer. The first step is to contact the corporate officer in writing, explaining the problem. The Steward should not be contacted until after the proper procedures have been followed. The Board ombudsman for that officer is a case of last resort. The Steward will write a letter outlining the appeals procedure to be used for complaints against corporate officers and send it to the newsletters for publication.

E. Marshal:

Henrik gave a verbal report for Phil. Three more resumes have been received for his post, and he is considering them. He has thus far received only a partial payment for his royalties on the FIGHTER'S HANDBOKE.

F. Corporate Chroniclers: No report.

The situation with the Midrealm Chronicler was briefly discussed and remanded to the Steward's office for investigation and action if necessary. There is also a continuing problem for new people and people new to the area, as THE PALE does not carry a listing of local groups and seneschals. The Secretary will write the Crown, Seneschale, and Chronicler of the Midrealm to bring this problem to their attention.

G. Arts: The report was received. All is well.

H. Sciences: No report.

The Steward's letter requesting input on the idea of combining the Arts and Sciences offices at the Corporate level has not been answered.

M/s/c Mike-Rob to warrant Louise of Woodsholme (Louise Pass) as Corporate Mistress of Sciences for a period of 6 months. Lower groups still have the option to combine the offices or not as they choose per the Board's previous Policy Decision.

Henrik felt that it was important not to merge the offices until a need was demonstrated, but had no objection to one person holding both offices concurrently. The general feeling was to try the combination for 6 months to a year and see how it worked out. It may be especially feasible at the corporate level, which functions administratively.

The Steward was instructed to discuss the matter fully with Louise, and also to encourage the publication of a Corporate Arts and Sciences Handbook.

I. Chirurgeon:

After some searching through the back minutes, it was discovered that the Chirurgeon's Handbook had been approved by the Board at the meetings of October and December 1980 for publication. Unfortunately at that time it was not examined closely for conflicts with CORPORA, which remained in the copy published in T.I. #62. Mike went over the needed changes with Bohemund as assigned by the Board in the spring of 1982. Bohemund has no objection to the changes which were proposed to bring the Handbook into line with CORPORA. The general consensus was that the Board would look at the Handbook with the proposed revisions at the October meeting. Bohemund is currently looking for a replacement, as he intends to resign soon.

IV. Routine Business:

A. Changes in Status:

M/s/c Mike-Rob to accept the elevation in status for the Barony of the Sacred Stone (western North Carolina) as approved and recommended by the Steward.

B. Establishing the Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 10 October 1:00 pm at Cliveden's.

V. Old Business:

A. Society Marshal's Rulebook:

Further written comments by Board members were received. Larry and Henrik will work with the Marshal in preparing a modified draft of the Rulebook for the October meeting to incorporate the various Board suggestions and to go over format and editing in general.

B. Report on the Stock Clerk's Office:

The Secretary and the Exchequer will present their report at the October meeting, as the current difficulties with the books have kept them from preparing the necessary audit.

VI. New Business:

A. Proposed Guidelines for Out of Kingdom Awards and Warrents:

The Board has strong feeling that rules should not proliferate endlessly from the Corporate level to deal with every situation. On the other hand, there is a problem dealing with a situation in which common sense and the ideals of courtesy and chivalry are blatantly disregarded. Each local group has its own flavor and its own traditions. If an area wishing to give a peerage does not live with the prospective peer for the majority of the time, it seems discourteous at the least to force a peer upon another group without at least having some input from those who will live with him/her for the bulk (or all!) of the time.

A motion to change CORPORA was made but failed to pass:

M/s/f Mike-Rob (2 for, 2 against - the mption failed) to add a new section to CORPORA: VII.A.1.a.ix (Orders Conferring a Patent of Arms): If they are not residents of the kingdom in which the patent of arms is to be conferred, the crowns of this kingdom and the kingdom of residence must be in concurrence before the patent is conferred.

1. Letter from the Crown of Caid:

Jason and Natalya had written the Board in response to the recent knighting of a member from Caid by the Crown of Atenveldt. They were particularly distressed as the gentleman does not and has never lived in Atenveldt, and participates in Atenveldt events only occasionally. They had previously written the Crown of Atenveldt and expressed their extreme displeasure at warrants and awards issued to citizens outside the Kingdom.

The Board will compose a letter to be sent to all Kingdom newsletters for publication coming down firmly against this sort of activity. (*This letter was held while the ombudsman contacted the Crown of Atenveldt about this problem.*)

At this point a one-hour break for dinner occurred. The Board reconvened at 7:12 pm.

B. Request for Funding:

The Seneschale of An Tir had written requesting that the Board fund, wholly or in part, a visit by the Steward to An Tir. Tensions within the Kingdom and between the Kingdom and the Corporate level need to be resolved. She feels that Sandra would be able to assist in overcoming these difficulties, and would also be an invaluable aid as An Tir continues to settle into its Kingdom status.

The Board was interested in the idea, but would like to see full details on the date and duration of the visit, expenses, aid from An Tir, etc. Sandra will discuss with Janice and report back.

C. Offer to assist on SCA Documentary Film:

This was a letter from Susan L. Fox Davis, who had noticed the item on a possible film of the SCA's early days, which has long been a project of Henrik's and had been discussed in earlier Board minutes. She is a film professional and would like to help on any project. Henrik will respond.

D. CROWN PRINTS Press Purchase:

The private press on which CROWN PRINTS has long been printed is being sold, and the Kingdom of Caid has been offered the chance to purchase it. The Kingdom has about \$1800 and asked the Corporation to lend them the \$2400 additional needed to complete the purchase. This proposal had been discussed with the Corporate Chroniclers and the Exchequer, who agreed with the plan as presented.

M/s/c Larry-Mike Subject to final approval by Exchequer, to lend the Kingdom of Caid \$2400 at 10% interest, repayment at \$100/month for 2 years with no prepayment penalty for purchase of the Omtae Press.

The Secretary and the Exchequer will work with the Chronicler of Caid to draw up a contract. Caid will grant a reasonable amount of publication of material for the benefit of the Society in consideration of the loan. In case of default on any portion of the unpaid balance, the Corporation will assume full ownership of the press.

VII. Communications:

- A. Debra Doyle
- B. Nicholas B. Taylor
- C. Canton of the Roaring Wastes
- D. Glen F. Marshall

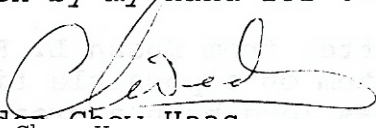
All 4 of these letters were responses to the proposals for tighter membership requirements put forth by Sandy McDaniel as summarised in the Board Minutes of 8 June. The Secretary will answer, noting that the proposals were made to the Board not by the Board. The full text of the original letter will be included. Attendance at SCA events does not require membership. All SCA officers on all levels are required to be members, as are all entrants in Crown and Coronet lists. These membership requirements are stated in CORPORA II.E., VI.A.1.b., and VI.B.1.c.

VIII. Executive Session: None held.

IX. Summary and Dissemination:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

Written by my hand for the Board of Directors


Cliveden Chew Haas
Corporate Secretary

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