Allow me to address two specific questions that numerous people have asked in regards to the proposal dealing with water bearing activities.

1. Does it mean that we can’t use SCA Funds to purchase water, Gatorade, food, etc for the fighters?

The answer is yes, groups, including kingdoms and the major wars can still use SCA Funds to purchase supplies and food products for the populaces’ use. Donations can still be taken for this but instead of it going to the Waterbearer’s Fund; it will have to be place into a different Fund. I will be discussing this with all the kingdom exchequers. The group funds currently set aside for waterbearing would still belong to the group to purchase water, etc. It just not labeled as belonging the guild/office anymore.

2. What happens to the equipment and supplies that belong to the office?

Since SCA Funds were probably used to purchase the equipment and supplies, then it all belongs to the group that bought the items. The items still need to be listed on inventory and in the case of items valued over $500 have to be included on the depreciation schedule of the group as should currently be the case. Nothing changes there at all. The best analogy that I can give is the following: think of the Waterbearer’s Office as a division of a large corporation. If the division is dissolved then the assets would be absorbed back into the rest of the corporation. Same sort of scenario is happening here. There is no impact financially as to who can use a group’s equipment, however individual groups might have policies in place that restrict usage, such as not allowing individuals from borrowing equipment for usage outside of the SCA. You do not need to be an officer of a group to use its property. Feastcrats/Headcooks would be a good example of non officers using group property.

If any one has any further questions or comments, they may contact me at treasurer@sca.org.

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