



NOVEMBER 2007 IMPERIAL ESTATES MINUTES

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MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL..... QUORUM MET**
- III. **CONSENT CALENDAR..... NONE**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES APPROVED**

Approved by voice vote.

Approval of the minutes of the July 2007 Imperial Estates Meeting.

- V. **REPORTS..... SEE NOTES**

Minister reports will all be posted, except for the Crown Report/Pres/V.P. Report. All other Ministers must submit written reports. Any Minister who does not submit written reports will not be awarded Ministry Points. If the same Minister did not submit reports for the previous meeting, they will be replaced.

President’s Report: Their Imperial Majesties asked the Estates to ratify the action of the BoD to place Barbara Hodges and Josephine Rudd on a “Member not in good standing” status for owing the Empire \$865.42 in the unauthorized rental of equipment in connection the Imperial Jubilee feast 2006.

Approved (77 in favor, 22 opposed, 20 abstentions).

- VI. **CROWN BUSINESS**

- CRB1. **Charters..... SEE NOTES**

All Subdivisions who have not reported in a timely manner, and are not in communication to correct their deficits, and all Subdivisions who do not maintain the numbers for their status will be placed on the November Imperial Agenda for voluntary reduction in status. Reporting is required and not doing so makes it difficult to determine the status of the Empire. Additionally, all Subdivisions are required to maintain a specific number of members to establish and retain their status within Adria. This is in accordance with Imperial Bylaws. We also request that all Subdivisions submit, to Us directly, a copy of their Writs and Codicils for review. Once approved, the Crown of the subdivision will be notified and the documentation placed under their region on the Imperial Website. Additionally, if your current Charter does not appear on the Website, you are responsible for contacting us, in writing, to ensure that is corrected.

a. Place shires on inactive list

The following shires have zero membership and have been suspended:

- None

b. Reactivate inactive shire

The following shires have membership and their charters have been reactivated:

- None

c. Recognize new shire

The following shires have membership and their charter will be issued:

- None

d. Charter Reductions

In accordance with Article VIII.D.2.b.xi., the charters of the following Archduchies and Duchies are revoked; new charters shall be issued immediately to reflect their respective status based on the size of their current population, indicated below in parentheses.

- Archduchy of Kinkora (reduction to Duchy)
- Duchy of Cambridge (reduction to Shire)
- Duchy of Ekaterinegorod (reduction to Shire)
- Duchy of Ravenna (reduction to Shire)
- Duchy of Sangrael (reduction to Shire)

e. Charter Elevations

Elevation of Bisqaia and New Exeter approved by voice vote. Elevation of Constantinople failed (47 in favor, 67 opposed). Elevation of Constantinople to take place at 6-month mark, in between Estates Meetings, approved by voice vote.

The following subdivisions are recommended for elevation to Duchy status:

- Shire of Bisqaia
- Shire of New Exeter
- Shire of Constantinople (requires 2/3rds to waive the 6-month requirement)

f. Amend Charter of the Kingdom of York

The Estates of York Passed Charter Amendment by 2/3rds, so now requires a Majority only.

Question divided:

Charter amendment to form Pembroke as a Shire approved by voice vote.

Motion to waive the 6-month requirement for elevation to Duchy approved (86 in favor, 6 opposed).

Elevate Pembroke to Duchy approved (76 in favor, 25 opposed).

Amend the Charter of York to remove the remaining portion of Broward County, Florida so that the geographic region formerly known as the Canton of Pembroke may be created as a Duchy.

The lands to be released are the mundane cities known as Parkland, Weston, South West Ranches, and part of Pembroke Pines. This proposal also includes Marhkam Park. This proposal excludes Deerfield Beach, Florida, including Quiet Waters Park.

CRB2. Amend Article VIII. Subdivision of the Empire **TABLED**

Tabled for rewrite.

Amend Article VIII.D.1.a.i. to read:

A chartered subdivision must be chartered as **an Archduchy or a Duchy** ~~for at least 6 months~~ before it can become a Kingdom. ~~This requirement may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the Imperial Estates General.~~

Repeal Article VIII.D.2.a.i. in its entirety.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Review Imperial Budget **APPROVED**

New budget approved by voice vote.

Pursuant to Article VI.E.3, the estates shall review the Imperial budget.

CH2. Review Associate Memberships..... **SEE NOTES**

RMS listing amended to read “unlimited members at \$15.00/member” approved by voice vote.

Motion to raise Associate Memberships to \$20.00 tabled until the March 2008 IEM; will appear as Old Business.

Pursuant to Article III.B.4, the Imperial Estates shall review the dues per member for Associate Members, at which time the level of dues may be approved or modified. Currently, the recognized associate memberships are:

- RMS: 100 members at \$15.00/member
- SCA: unlimited members at \$15.00/member
- ECS: unlimited members at \$15.00/member

CH3. Elect Members to the Board of Directors..... **SEE NOTES**

Rita Torres and Kevin Plummer elected for 2-year terms. Janna Wince elected for 1-year term.

Pursuant to Estates Writ 14, elect the Board of Directors for a 2-year term. Arizona Corporate Law requires President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer to be on the Board of Directors. Membership on the Board requires limited disclosure to the State of Arizona regarding your personal financial and legal history. Copies of the form will be available at the meeting to review.

- President: Honey Ann Westfall-Lounds (HIM Dame Ashlinn Tiernan)
- Vice-President: John Agee-Ross (HIM Sir Pavo Rosalia)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Ann Coe (Dame Marion Leal Durius)
- Member-at-large: Christine N. Agee-Ross (HG Dame Nisha) – 1 year remaining
- 2 members-at-large will be elected to 2-year terms
- 1 member-at-large will be elected to a 1-year term

The following nominees have submitted letters of declaration pursuant to Estates Writ 14:

- Anthony DeRivi (HG Sir L’Beté deAcmd)
- Clyde Games (HG Sir Angus Kilshannig)
- Rita Torres (HG Dame Margarita DuBois)
- Victor Grady (HG Sir Philippe DuBois Guilbert) – consider only for the 1-year seat
- Janna Wince (Dame Ariana RuddCatha)
- Randy Allison (HIG Sir Winfred)
- Kevin Plummer (Sir Rhydderch)
- Beth Crousore (HRM Dame Katriana MacBrus)

In accordance with the Estates Writ, the letters submitted for declaration of intent appear in Appendix 1.

CH4. Judicial Decisions

In accordance with Imperial Estates Writ #2, 12, Codex Adjudicata Article IV.8., judicial decisions made between July 2007 and September 2007 are available in Appendix 2.

CH5. Amend Article III.D. Membership TermsAPPROVED

Non-Friendly amendment to replace “Lifetime memberships are not transferable” with Transferred Memberships only last the lifetime of the original Owner” failed (required 2/3rds; 52 in favor, 50 opposed)

Original proposal approved (78 in favor, 22 opposed).

Amend Article III.D. to read:

Memberships are not refundable, but are transferable or assignable. ~~Lifetime memberships are not transferable.~~

For membership accounting, annual memberships cover the period July 1 to June 30. Annual memberships are due on July 1 of each year. The Imperial Steward shall determine a schedule for prorating dues.

Members who have not renewed their memberships by July 1 are considered to be under an administrative judicial ban; they will not be able to hold office or exercise any voting privilege or carry proxies. This judicial ban will be automatically lifted upon renewal.

CH6. Amend Article VI.H. to eliminate verbal proxiesFAILED

Failed (68 in favor, 44 opposed; required 2/3rds).

Amend to read:

It is the right of any member entitled to a vote to give a written proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting. ~~A proxy may be verbal unless otherwise prohibited by the corresponding body. A written proxy must indicate whether they are open or directed. A copy of the written proxy must be presented to the Chancellor prior to voting.~~

CH7. Amend Article VI.F. Rights of the Imperial Estates General APPROVED

Approved by voice vote.

Amend Article VI.F.1.a. to read:

~~Elect from its body a Board of Directors:~~

Elect a Board of Directors from the membership of the Adrian Empire:

CH8. Replace Rolls and Lists Manual TABLED

Tabled until the March 2008 Imperial Estates Meeting. This version will be considered as Crown Writ until the meeting.

Replace the current version of the Rolls and Lists Manual with the version introduced as Appendix 3.

Author: HH Sir Terrin Greyphis

CH9. Replace IEW 18: Armigerous Rights with new version TABLED

Tabled until the March 2008 Imperial Estates Meeting.

Replace the current version of the Armigerous Rights Manual with the version introduced as Appendix 4.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Amend Continuing Crown Writ 2 Missile Weapons Manual IV.B.3. Siege Weapons **REFERRED FOR REWRITE**

Removed from the Table and referred to the Ministry of Joust and War for Rewrite by voice vote. The Estates adopted a Resolution to adopt a Manual of Siege by voice vote.

Current Writ:

For the sake of simplicity of simulation, Adria has divided siege weapons into two classes, small and large. Small siege weapons have a greater effect than arrows, but a lesser effect than large siege weapons. The effects may vary based on the scenario in which they are used. Siege weapons shall be constructed as described in this manual.

- Small siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that are intended to be fired from a static location and fire/throw a missile simulating a 50 to 100 pound projectile. These include, but are not limited to, mangonels, ballistas and onagers.
- Large siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that throw a "rock" simulating a 250 pound sandstone ball.

Amend to read:

For the sake of simplicity of simulation, Adria has divided siege weapons into two classes, small and large. Small siege weapons have a greater effect than arrows, but a lesser effect than large siege weapons. The effects may vary based on the scenario in which they are used. Siege weapons shall be constructed as described in this manual.

All siege weapons fire large missiles or extra large missiles.

- Small siege weapons are defined as missile weapons that are ~~intended to be~~ fired from a static location and fire/throw a missile simulating a **20 to 70** pound projectile. These include, but are not limited to, mangonels, ballistas and onagers.
- Large siege weapons are defined as missile weapons **having a throwing beam 6' or greater in length designed to throw** missiles simulating a **100 to 250** pound sandstone ball. **These include, but are not limited to, trebuchets and catapults. A large Ballista would have a minimum uncocked width of 6'.**

OB2. Amend Missile Weapon Construction Manual: Siege Weapon B. Ammunition Construction..... **REFERRED FOR REWRITE**

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Amend to read:

1. Large Rocks **and Extra Large Rocks**

Shinai/Renaissance combat:

- Shall not weigh more than one-half pound
- Shall not be smaller than five (5) inches in diameter
- May be hollow rubber balls or constructed of foam covered with duct or fiber-reinforced tape
- **Large rocks must be red. Extra large rocks must be yellow.**

2. Ballista Bolts

Bolts shall be made of golf club tube shafts with a tennis ball taped onto the tube with no less than 2 layers of duct or fiber-reinforced tape (one layer completely covering the ball and four inches of shaft, followed by a second layer). PVC pipe is not approved as it is not shatter resistant. **May also be made of pool noodles or other closed cell foam material with any suitable ball properly affixed.**

- The tubes may be reinforced with medium density foam (e.g. pipe insulation) to make them more resistant to crushing damage.
- "Fletchings" may be added so long as they are not of a rigid material or have sharp edges. Edges of plastic fletchings may be covered with duct tape to dull them.
- **Large bolts must be red. Extra large bolts must be yellow.**

Shinai/Renaissance combat:

- The overall length of the bolt must be no less than 24 inches and no more than ~~36~~ **48** inches.
- The overall weight of the bolt must be no more than 1/2 pound.

OB3. Amend Combat Manual I.G.6 Missile Weapons..... **REFERRED FOR REWRITE**

Removed from the Table and referred to the Ministry of Joust and War for Rewrite by voice vote. The Estates adopted a Resolution to adopt a Manual of Siege by voice vote.

Amend to read:

6. ~~Missile Weapons~~ **Small Missiles**

- Arrows and other small missiles, such as javelins and throwing axes, are assumed to be moving too fast to be blocked by hand-held weapons.
- Any combatant **actively** blocking a small missile with a weapon will be assumed to have been hit and shall be called dead.
- ~~Arrows and other small missiles, such as javelins and throwing axes, are assumed to be moving too fast to be blocked by hand-held weapons.~~
- Small missiles can be blocked with shields. If a small missile inadvertently strikes a weapon, that missile is assumed to have missed. It does not destroy the weapon.
- Once an arrow or other small missile has made contact with anything (e.g. weapon, shield, body), it is spent and may not cause further damage. The golf-tube missile is considered a javelin and may be thrown during melees.
- Small missiles, with the exception of combat arrows, may be any color other than red. They may not have any red tape, paint, etc. on them.
- Missiles are considered dead after first use. Dead missiles may be gleaned from the combat field for re-use during melee if the scenario is expressly written to allow it.

OB4. Amend Combat Manual I.G.7 Large Missiles **REFERRED FOR REWRITE**

Removed from the Table and referred to the Ministry of Joust and War for Rewrite by voice vote. The Estates adopted a Resolution to adopt a Manual of Siege by voice vote.

Current Writ:

7. Large Missiles

- Large missiles launched from siege engines are currently in the experimental stage and are approved for limited play-testing in certain areas of the Empire.
- In areas approved for siege engine play-test, rocks and ballista bolts are approved large missiles. These large missiles must be constructed in strict accordance with published guidelines and be inspected and approved by field marshals prior to each use. Construction of rocks and ballista bolts is described in the Missile Construction Manual.
- All blows delivered by large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent.
- Ballista bolts cannot be blocked with shields and are considered spent only after they stop moving, or hit the ground or a fixed obstacle (e.g. tree, hay bale, etc.).
- All blows delivered by the head of a ballista bolt (even deflected ones) are considered unobstructed until the bolt is spent.
- "Rocks" cannot be blocked with shields.

Any combatant hit by a rock on any part of the body or shield is considered killed. If a rock inadvertently hits a weapon, that weapon is considered destroyed and must be taken off the field. All blows delivered by a rock (even deflected ones) are considered lethal until the rock stops moving.

Amend to read:

7. Large Missiles

- "Rocks" and "ballista bolts" are approved large missiles. These large missiles must be constructed in strict accordance with published guidelines and be inspected and approved by field marshals prior to each use. Construction of rocks and ballista bolts is described in the Missile Construction Manual.
- **Small siege weapons fire large missiles. These are considered to be a 20 to 70 pound projectiles.**
- **All large missiles must be red.**
- All blows delivered by large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent. **All blows delivered by the head of a ballista bolt (even deflected ones) are considered unobstructed until the bolt is spent.**
- Ballista bolts cannot be blocked with shields **(up to and including pavises)** and are considered spent only after they stop moving. **Three hits from a ballista bolt disable a manlet and it may not move after that. It does not need to be laid down or removed from field.**
- "Rocks" cannot be blocked with shields **(up to and including pavises). One hit from a large missile (rock) disables a manlet, three hits destroy a manlet and it must be removed from the field.**
- Any combatant hit by a rock on any part of the body or shield is considered killed. If a rock inadvertently hits a weapon, that weapon is considered destroyed and must be taken off the field. All blows delivered by a rock (even deflected ones) are considered lethal until the rock stops moving.

8. Extra Large Missiles

- Large siege weapons fire extra large missiles. These are considered to be 100 to 250 pound projectiles.
- All extra large missiles must be yellow.
- Extra large missiles (rocks) destroy manlets and kill all persons within 3' behind the manlet. It must be removed from field when destroyed.
- All blows delivered by extra large missiles are considered unobstructed until the missile is spent.

OB5. Amend Article VIII.D.3.a.iv and VIII.F.1. to remove overlapping border restriction for subdivisions..... **REFERRED FOR REWRITE**

Removed from the table by voice vote.

Friendly Amendment - Amend last bullet in Item 2: replace "2/3 majority" with "simple majority", and insert "In the event that the local estates reject, the Imperial Estates General can overrule by a 2/3rds majority" before "Upon such approval..." The Imperial crowns approve the formation of the shire in the event that the relevant estate approve. Clean it up for language (Create flow chart/time line). The case of the establishment of overlapping borders the Imperial Crown must get Imperial approval.

Referred to author for rewrite passed by voice vote.

Item 1: Article VIII.D.3.a.iv. Shires

Current Law: A Shire must have a generally-defined territory of geographical jurisdiction which does not overlap with the borders of any other Chartered Subdivision or region.

Amend to Read: A Shire must have a generally-defined territory of geographical jurisdiction ~~which does not overlap with the borders of any other Chartered Subdivision or region.~~

Item 2: Article VIII.F.1. Chartered Subdivisions

Current Law:

From time to time *chartered* subdivisions within the Adrian Empire may desire advancement. This is to be encouraged and permitted as long as the following standards and procedures are met:

- Prerequisite membership is achieved without reducing any other chartered subdivision below minimum standard
- The land the new subdivision to be chartered is claiming does not cross over or diminish the land of any other chartered subdivision not in the new subdivision. (*Note: An exception to law was approved Nov. 2003 to allow a second subdivision to be chartered within the same geographic boundaries in Nevada.*)
- In the case of an existing *chartered* subdivision, the estates general of the existing chartered subdivision must approve the change to their lands by a 2/3 majority, and presented to the Imperial Estates General for approval (by a simple majority). Upon such approval, there shall be new charters created for all subdivisions involved. (*Note: The alternative method is approval at the subdivision level with a simple majority, and by the Imperial Estates General with a 2/3 majority.*)

Amend to read:

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OB6. Amend Imperial Estates Writ #2, 12 Codex Adjudicata Article IV. Conduct of Judicial Courts **NO ACTION**

Remained on table.

Amend to Read:

Once complaints have been presented in writing to the appropriate Minister of Justice or Magistrate, the Minister of Justice shall have no more than 30 days to evaluate them and determine if they are legitimate charges and warrant trial, unless proper cause is submitted in writing to the Crown and Imperial Chancery that more time is necessary. If they are so determined, the following procedures shall be followed.

1. The Minister of Justice shall notify the named defendants in writing. This shall be done in any of the following methods
 - Hand delivered
 - Via fax
 - Via email
 - Via mail
 - Via phone conversation (In order to setup a meeting to hand deliver)

Notification of a vassal's Liege-Lord shall qualify as notification of the individual.

2. **Mediation must be attempted within 20 days of the date that the complaint was found to have merit. Either party may refuse mediation. Mediation may be conducted through electronic media (e-mail correspondence with known legal e-mail addresses), so long as all parties are involved and the Ministry of Justice maintains a written record. If mediation fails, or is refused by either party, the complaint shall become a set of charges.**
3. Once notified the defendant shall be informed that the date of the trial shall not be less than thirty days of this notification unless the defendant requests Immediate Justice. Immediate Justice shall be defined as within 30 days. If the trial is to be held concurrent to a sanctioned event, the trial shall not be conducted during any scheduled activities at an event, but shall occur during breaks, before, or after the event itself.
4. The Magistrate/Minister of Justice will then request the defendant to choose a date for their trial, **which must occur within one (1) year from the date the set of charges is filed.** This date must be acceptable to Magistrate/Minister of Justice, Crown and plaintiff as well as the defendant. **If the defendant has not set a date within 6 months from the date the set of charges is filed, the Magistrate/Minister of Justice has 30 days to set a trial date to occur within the remaining 6 months.**
5. The Magistrate/Minister of Justice shall select the time and place of the trial, provided Immediate Justice was not called for, in which case it will take place during the next Scheduled event. The Date, Time, and Place of this trial shall be published in the Adrian Herald as well as announced at the next Crown Event, unless Immediate Justice is demanded.
6. **If the defendant fails to appear at the prescribed time, date, and location of the trial, they may be tried in absentia, and the Magistrate/Minister of Justice will allow any of the trial attendees to speak on behalf of the defendant.**
7. The Defendant shall be afforded every opportunity to prepare a defense. This will include but not be limited to reviewing evidence and questioning witnesses. The plaintiff shall also be afforded this same opportunity to prepare their case. This "Period of Discovery" shall continue until forty-eight (48) hours prior to trial at which point all witness lists and evidence lists shall be frozen and reviewed by the Magistrate. This may be appealed ~~by~~ **to** the Magistrate during the trial, and the opposing ~~council~~ **Counsel** shall have an opportunity to argue against such an appeal, after which the Magistrate shall decide if the added testimony/evidence shall be heard.
8. All open Judicial Proceedings shall be videotaped, audio taped (or equivalent), and copies of the tape provided to the Imperial Chancery.

9. Lastly, it shall be understood throughout Adrian Courts that the primary responsibility of the Court is to determine the Truth of the Matter. ~~That this~~ This Search for the truth shall be the over-riding determinate in the process, and not procedure. Objections due to procedure should be discouraged if they may be used to hide or diffuse the truth.

10. All court decisions must be published as an appendix to the next Imperial Estates Agenda.

Additional Option #1

The above proposal is to be adopted retroactively.

OB7. Add Imperial Estates Writ: Manual of Siege REFERRED FOR REWRITE

Removed from the Table and referred to the Ministry of Joust and War for Rewrite by voice vote. The Estates adopted a Resolution to adopt a Manual of Siege by voice vote.

The proposed Manual of Siege can be found on the Adrian Empire website titled "Siege Weapon Manual". If approved, the sections pertaining to Siege Weapon use in the Combat Manual will be removed.

OB8. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 1: Arts and Science Manual Article IV.B.7. Tournament Entries NO ACTION

Remained on table.

Amend to read:

The artisan shall be present when the item is judged, ~~unless the artisan lives more than 100 miles away from any other event. If the artisan lives outside the 100 mile radius of any tournament, they may mail there entries and documentation to the A&S Minister for entry into the next scheduled tournament. The Artisan must send return postage, or make arrangements to have the item picked up by the end of the month within 30 days.~~ If an item is judged outside a tournament or war, the artisan will gain the win, Masterwork, or participation point at the next event ~~attended by the artisan~~ after the entry. The hardcopy documentation for the entry will be available for display.

~~Only 6 entries may be made in this fashion. If you choose to use this method, you do so at your own risk and Adria has no liability for loss or damage. These entries are coordinated by the respective subdivision Minister of A&S, if you are a member at large, you must coordinate with the Imperial Minister of A&S.~~

OB9. Amend Debate Procedure APPROVED

Approved (64 in favor). Note ruled by Chancellor: Since this was a procedure change, not a law change, this will start with New Business being discussed at this meeting.

Any new proposal that isn't genuinely unforeseen and urgent, scheduled by law, a clarification by the Chancery, or the province of the Crown, should be introduced as New Business.

New Business should be discussed at the meeting so every member knows what is intended. Members should go home and discuss it with their respective estates and participate in e-discussions; then when the items appear as Old Business, real debate will have already occurred.

Since proxies generally don't change, the Estates can simply vote on Old Business without wasted discussion. If there is a real development or new controversy- -a motion to table can be made instead. Tabled items can be discussed under Open Discussion, reexamined at home, and voted on at the next meeting.

OB10. Amend Method of Adopting and Amending ManualsFAILED****

Failed by voice vote.

All members of the Imperial Estates shall submit a list of committees they are interested in serving on, in order of preference. The Chancellor shall assign each member to one or two committees based on need, seniority, and preference. All members shall serve on at least one committee. The members of the committee shall elect their own chair who shall consult with the ministry, poll the committee members, and report to the Chancellor.

Option 1

Just as the Crown appoints Ministries, the Estates shall appoint Standing Committees to work with each Ministry. Each will be responsible to advise the Ministry and may approve adoption or amendments to that ministry's manual. The Ministry shall propose changes and the Committee may approve the amendment, without altering it, by a majority.

Option 2

Just as the Crown appoints Ministries, the Estates shall appoint Standing Committees to work with each Ministry. Each will be responsible to advise the Ministry and may approve adoption or amendments to that ministry's manual. The Ministry shall propose changes and the Committee may amend and approve the proposal, by 2/3rds.

Option 3

Just as the Crown appoints Ministries, the Estates shall appoint Boards to work with each Ministry. Each will be responsible to advise the Ministry and may approve adoption or amendments to that ministry's manual. The Ministry shall propose changes and the Board may amend and approve the proposal, by 2/3rds. Manuals and amendments shall be considered Regulations, a level of law less than Writ and greater than Policy.

OB11. Amend Article V.B. Meetings of the Membership: DefinitionAPPROVED****

Approved (89 in favor).

Amend to read:

An official event is any meeting of the membership that is held in an appropriate context, setting and style for the purpose of education, recreation, competition, or service, as long as the event is:

- Sanctioned by the Crown
- Sponsored by a subdivision, **Canton, or chartered subdivision**
- Announced thirty (30) days in advance to the membership through official channels
- Presided over by the Crown, **a Ruling Noble, or the appointed Viceroy of the Canton**
- Attended by the ministry officials or their designated deputies responsible for the type of activity undertaken

Demonstrations and classes require Crown approval, and must be attended by ten (10) or more people. Crowns may waive the thirty (30) day notice for just and stated cause.

OB12. Rename the terms “chartered subdivisions” and “subdivisions”
..... **REFERRED FOR REWRITE**

Referred to Chancery to write a proposal to make definition between Chartered and Non Chartered in clearer in law without changing the names by voice vote.

Current Definition (Glossary of Bylaws):

Chartered Subdivision - This refers to a Kingdom, Archduchy, Duchy, or Shire.

Subdivision - This refers to a March, County, Barony or Household.

Item 1: Rename the term “chartered subdivisions”

Change all mention of “chartered subdivisions” in the bylaws and all manuals to a new term.

Option 1: Rename “chartered subdivisions” to “provinces”

Option 2: Rename “chartered subdivisions” to “territories”

Item 2: Rename the term “subdivisions”

Change all mention of “subdivisions” in the bylaws and all manuals to a new term.

Option 1: Rename “subdivisions” to “fief”

Option 2: Rename “subdivisions” to “fiefdom”

Option 3: Rename “subdivisions” to “boroughs”

OB13. Amend Article VI.G. Meetings of the Governing Body: Notice
..... **REFERRED FOR REWRITE**

Referred to Chancery for Rewrite

Amend to read:

The Crowns of all chartered subdivisions must be provided with sixty (60) days written notice of Imperial Estates meeting. The Crowns must notify all members entitled to a seat in their respective chartered subdivisions.

At least 30 days in advance of any scheduled meeting of the Imperial Estates General, the Imperial Chancellor will ensure publication of the agenda through official channels, as defined in Article VI.C.

The Crown must provide at least thirty (30) days written notice of any meeting of the estates of that chartered subdivision to all members who are entitled to a seat in their subdivision.

At least 15 days in advance of any scheduled meeting of the Estates General of any chartered subdivision, the Chancellor of that chartered subdivision will ensure publication of the agenda through official channels, as defined in Article VI.C.

Two-thirds of the members present at an estates meeting may waive notice pursuant to this section. Actions taken at a meeting at which notice was waived must be reconsidered at the next fully-noticed meeting, but shall be effective pending said reconsideration.

Any member may attend, regardless of notification.

OB14. Add Glossary definition for “just and stated cause” **WITHDRAWN**
Withdrawn by the author.

Create Definition:

Just and stated cause – A good, clearly stated, reason. (Note: “Because we feel like it” does not qualify.)

OB15. Repeal Article VI.F.1.d.ii of Rights of the Imperial Estates General
 **WITHDRAWN**

Withdrawn by the author.

Delete:

ii. Appoint a new member to the Order of the Fleur-de-lis.

OB16. Amend Article VIII.B.8: Subdivision of the Empire..... **TABLED**

Tabled for Rewrite by voice vote. The Estates voted to endorse the concept of this change.

Amend Article VIII.B.8 to read:

~~Their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year. (Note: Pax Regium limitation does not apply to the Imperial Crown since date of Civil War is set in law).~~ Their term of office is defined in Article XIV.

Amend Article XIV to read:

A. EMPEROR/EMPRESS

The Emperor/Empress of the Empire shall rule from coronation (the first weekend of November of the year of ascent to the Throne) until the coronation of the Imperial Heirs Apparent (the first weekend of November in the following year), unless removed in an Interim Civil War as described below. The Emperor/Empress may succeed themselves, *but their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years.*

B. KING/QUEEN

Each term of office of the King/Queen shall not be more than one (1) year (measured from the date of coronation, or from the latest date coronation should have occurred pursuant to Article XIV.E: Coronations, whichever is earlier). The King/Queen may succeed themselves, *but their term of office is limited to two (2) consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year.* (Note: The term of office may only be altered by mutual agreement of the Crown and the Estates General.)

Commentary: Language clean-up, and puts all the pertinent information in one section for ease of reading.

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Sponsor: Dame Ariana RuddCatha (Lady of House Weyland, Knight Civil, Knight Archer)

OB17. Amend Article VIII.D.1.a.i: Subdivision of the Empire..... **APPROVED**

Approved by voice vote.

Amend to read:

A chartered subdivision must be chartered as ~~an Archduchy a Duchy~~ for at least 6 months before it can become a Kingdom. This requirement may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the Imperial Estates General.

OB18. Amend Article XIV.E: Subdivision of the Empire **APPROVED**

Approved by voice vote.

Amend to read:

E. ALL OTHER RULING NOBLES

All other Ruling Nobles shall rule until they resign or are removed. They may be removed:

- Through war; or,
- By a majority vote of the composite Estates of the respective non-chartered subdivisions which they rule.

Note: All Viceroys are ministers, not ruling nobles. Viceroys of Shires are considered Imperial ministers and may only be removed by the Imperial Crown(s). Viceroys of Cantons are considered chartered subdivision ministers, and may only be removed by the local Crown(s).

OB19. Amend Estates Writ 8.....APPROVED AS AMENDED
 Friendly Amendment to remove “After all, we are working for a non-profit educational status” from 8g. approved by voice vote. Approved as amended by voice vote.

Amend to read:

8. Classes
 - a. Notice must be published 30 days in advance.
 - b. Whoever holds the class must provide the basic teaching material for the class.
 - c. There must be at least 10 people attending the class. This can be cumulative.
 - d. Each class a person gives within a twelve-month period must be on a different subject.
 - e. A Crown must approve the documentation syllabus prior to the class.
 - f. It is requested that all Knights hold one class per year. ~~This according to the oath they themselves give on their Blue Belt.~~
 - g. Those holding the class will garner a demo-initiation point. Those attending will garner demo participation points. After all, we are working for a non-profit educational status.

OB20. Amend Marshal’s Manual Appendix A: Ministry Offices .APPROVED
Approved by voice vote.

Amend Marshal’s Manual Appendix A.D. to read:

D. MINISTER OF JOUST AND WAR (CHARTERED SUBDIVISION)

The Minister of Joust and War is responsible for running local tournaments, wars, demos.

1. Oversee and manage the local Office of Joust and War:
 - Develop tournament formats and war scenarios for Crown events
 - **In the event of a Civil War, plan, execute, and autocrat the War.**
 - Act as or assist the Marshal of the Field in running Crown events
2. On a monthly basis:
 - Report to the local ruling noble, and the Imperial Minister of Joust and War regarding the Office
3. Recommended qualifications:
 - Authorized marshal (required)
 - Knight Bachelor (or higher), or a Sergeant if there is no Knight Bachelor qualified and available

OB21. Amend Article XV.B.4 and Article XVI.A.1. to include notice of War Scenario Details..... APPROVED; SEE NOTES

Option 1 approved by voice vote. Option 2, to apply to “All Other Wars”, approved by voice vote.

Option 1: All details are released.

Add to Article XV.B.4 and XVI.A.1:

All war scenario details must be published through official channels, as defined in Imperial Bylaws Article VI.C., no less than 15 days before the event at which they are to be held.

Option 2: Only release information regarding disallowed equipment

Add to Article XV.B.4 and XVI.A.1:

Any war scenarios in which certain equipment (such as weapons or shields) are to be disallowed, a list of the disallowed equipment must be published through official channels, as defined in Imperial Bylaws Article VI.C., no less than 15 days before the event at which they are to be held.

OB22. Adopt a Plain Language Version of the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire
.....**APPROVED**

Clarification: Purpose of proposal is to replace current version of bylaws with the plain language version. Approved by voice vote.

We the Estates hereby request the Chancery to prepare a plain language version of the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire for consideration at the November 2007 Imperial Estates Meeting.

OB23. Adopt Resolution to Define and Separate the Duties of the Empire and the Corporation.....**WITHDRAWN**

Withdrawn by the authors.

We, the Estates, endorse greater separation of the governance of the Empire and the Corporation. We must review the various duties and determine which is "mundane" and therefore corporate, and which is "game" or otherwise properly Empire. We recognize that there will be overlap and we shall consider which duties must be shared. We remind our members that the Estates General approves candidates for President and Vice-president and elects all members at large of the Board of Directors.

OB24. Adopt Resolution.....**WITHDRAWN**

Withdrawn by the authors.

In order to achieve greater continuity in the Imperial and Corporate governance; we, the Estates, support placing more decision making authority over rule and policy in the respective body; we support leadership that manages procedure and administers rules and policies adopted by those bodies.

OB25. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 2, 12 Codex Adjudicata to Create an Independent Judiciary..... REFERRED FOR REWRITE

Referred to the Ministry of Justice for rewrite.

Option 1

For all Adrian Courts, Civil and Justice, Magistrates and Justices shall be selected randomly.

For Magistrates, annually, at each level and in all subdivisions, the Crown shall nominate candidates who are knowledgeable in Adrian Law; the Estates shall consider the nominees and may approve appointment by a majority to serve for two years. The process shall continue until three Magistrates are approved. A vacancy shall be filled by the same process to fill the term. Magistrates may be removed by a 2/3rds vote of the Estates, judicial sentence for conviction of Adrian or mundane crime, or revocation of membership. Magistrates shall be suspended during a limited judicial ban or suspension of membership. The process is repeated each year and may result in up to six Magistrates serving at any time.

For a Civil Court, the names of the former: Crowns, Chancellors, and MoJs, of the level or subdivision, shall be written on cards, shuffled and drawn by the magistrate. As each is drawn, he shall be called upon to serve, when three agree to serve impartially, they are empanelled. If three are not able or available to serve, the names of the landed Nobles of the rank of Baron or higher and the highest level of Knights available shall be added to the pool.

For a Court of Justice, the names of the landed Nobles of the level (rulers of Marches for an Imperial Court) or subdivision (of the rank of Baron or higher), shall be written on cards, shuffled and drawn by the magistrate. As each is drawn, he shall be called upon to serve, when three agree to serve impartially, they are empanelled. If three are not able or available to serve, the names of the landed Nobles of the next lower rank and all Knights shall be added to the pool.

For a Court of Chivalry, the names of all the Knights of the level (K3s for an Imperial Court) or subdivision shall be written on cards, shuffled and drawn by the magistrate. As each is drawn, he shall be called upon to serve, when three agree to serve impartially, they are empanelled. If three are not able or available to serve, the names of the Knights of the nearest chartered subdivisions shall be added to the pool.

Option 2

Replace the current court structure with an investigating magistrate system. A panel of three magistrates is convened for each case to investigate, mediate, or adjudicate and sentence. Appeals would be made to the appropriate Crown or Estates.

Selection of Magistrates, annually, at each level and in all subdivisions, the Crown shall nominate candidates who are knowledgeable in Adrian Law; the Estates shall consider the nominees and may approve appointment by a majority to serve for two years. The process shall continue until three Magistrates are approved. A vacancy shall be filled by the same process to fill the term. Magistrates may be removed by a 2/3rds vote of the Estates, judicial sentence for conviction of Adrian or mundane crime, or revocation of membership. Magistrates shall be suspended during a limited judicial ban or suspension of membership. The process is repeated each year and may result in up to six Magistrates serving at any time.

OB26. Amend Article III.A. Number of Directors..... SEE NOTES

Option 1 withdrawn by the authors. Option 2 tabled until the March 2008 IEM. The Imperial Crown and Chancery will draft a proposal to change the Regions; Chancery will solicit the Imperial Estates General for Nominations if it passes.

Amend to read:

The number of Directors shall be ~~seven (7)~~ **nine (9)**. The Emperor and the Empress shall always be President and Vice-President and serve a one-year term (may be extended in compliance with successive terms as Emperor and Empress). The Imperial Steward shall serve as Treasurer and may serve successive terms (as this is an appointed position by the Imperial Crown).

The Imperial Estates General will elect the remaining ~~four (4)~~ **six (6)** directors of the Board of Directors from among the paid membership of the Adrian Empire by a simple majority vote; those elected shall serve two-year terms. **The directors-at-large shall be comprised of two (2) members from each region (1, 2, and 3) as defined in Imperial Estates Writ 21a. ~~Two (2)~~ Three (3) of these directors shall be elected each year, thus staggering the election.**

Directors elected by the Imperial Estates General that become President, Vice President, or Imperial Steward during the second year of their term vacate their seat; the remaining year of their term shall be filled by a one-year appointment, elected by the Imperial Estates General. Candidates may be self-nominated.

The retiring President and the Imperial Chancellor shall have non-voting, advisory memberships on the Board of Directors. They will not be considered as Directors.

Option 1

Approve and enact now; applications for each unoccupied regional seat are due by September 5, 2008 for election and seating in November 2008.

Option 2

Approve now and enact in November 2007; open nominations from the floor for each unoccupied regional seat and election to be held in March to fill terms will run to November of 2008 and 2009.

IX. NEW BUSINESS..... NOT CONSIDERED**NB1. Reconsider outstanding Federal Income Tax Penalty regarding Chris Bagnall**

Requires 2/3rds to consider.

The authors wish the Imperial Estates to reconsider holding Chris Bagnall responsible for the IRS tax penalty of \$1227.04, which the BoD recommended to the Imperial Estates in March 2007 and Imperial Estates supported.

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NB2. Amend Article XVI.B. Conduct of Imperial Crown War

Requires 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve.

Amend Article XVI.B.1.a.i. to read:

The Imperial Crown War shall be held every year on the ~~Labor Day Weekend~~ last weekend in September.

Commentary: Due to the extreme heat at the last Imperial Crown War West, we should consider moving the date of Imperial Crown War to the last weekend in September, when the temperature is a bit cooler.

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Sponsor: Sir Warren Anthony (Count Royal, Kingdom of Albion)

NB3. Adopt Resolution to move the location of Imperial Crown War West

Requires 2/3rds to consider; majority to approve.

Move the location of the Imperial Crown War West from Featherly Park

Commentary: Due to the extreme heat at the last Imperial Crown War West, we should consider moving the location of Imperial Crown War West from Featherly Park to a location which is more capable of providing protection from direct sunlight for the combat and archery fields.

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X. DISCUSSION

D1. Composition of the Imperial Estates

Should future action be taken to amend Estates composition to reduce its numbers to become more efficient?

Should the voting makeup be amended to make the composition of the Estates more representative?

Option 1

Crowns of the subdivision could hold votes equal to his populace divided by 10--or those votes could be apportioned to the current representatives, such as greater and minor estates-- and the retired crowns and K3s enjoy only one vote each in their own right). The Imperial Estates would become significantly more "representative." The voices would remain, but the votes would reflect the membership. No one would be disenfranchised, and the body's efficiency should increase. The Estates may only need to meet twice per year.

Option 2

Repeal "One person two votes" each member would be able to exercise only one vote, personal or estate.

Option 3

We can also completely shift to a committee system, where Imperial Estate holders join or are assigned to working committees with authority to enact or amend rules governing their assignment.

Commentary: there are three voting constituencies of Adria--

- 1) *the populace, who are represented by Greater and Senior Minor Estates;*
- 2) *the subdivisions, represented by Crowns (which does not include Viceroy, who are Imperial Ministers); and,*
- 3) *the "game" or Adria itself, represented by retired Crowns (including Founders) and K3s.*

Re 1), there are many other and probably more efficient ways to do this—and of the three, it is the easiest to amend. We can merely amend the law. Whether it stays the same, is converted to representative votes based on a population number (such as 10) and carried by the sovereign or another; or repealed--we only have to amend the bylaw.

Re 2), ok, technically this also could simply be amended but while merging 1 and 2 might be workable, I think it is politically impossible and undesirable to disenfranchise the Kingdoms and (Arch)Duchies.

Re 3), besides inviting a huge block of no votes, you would have to amend or suspend Article VI.J., a "sacred Adrian tradition" that no right or privilege, once earned, can be taken by legislation, nor by any means except as punishment for wrongdoing, unless voluntarily surrendered. I don't think that is going to happen, nor as most of us who earned it, do I think we should remove it. But we can affect it. For example: if merging 1 and 2 is acceptable, my (considerable) ego can accept my personal earned vote as the equal of 10 members (I don't need to think it is as important as a whole Kingdom's point of view.

D2. Categories of Membership

Should future action be taken to distinguish between paid, attending, and participating members?

Could our insurance be lower if we did? Who should count for estate and subdivision membership? How often should members need to attend or participate (once a year, twice per Imperial Estate cycle, other)?

D3. Balance Requirements for Knighthood

Should future action be taken to better balance the requirements of the four orders of Knighthood?

Addressing the perception that Ministry is too easy, that Arts is too demanding, and Archery lags behind Combat because we have not yet implemented a second list (crossbow).

D4. Criteria for Awarding Ministry DIs

Should future action be taken to Address Ministry "DIs" and establishing more uniform criteria?

If we think of Ministry Services equal to list wins and masterworks--we wouldn't be so tempted to "cheapen" them. Do we require too many in number of too little in actual value. If the number required were equal to list wins, and the examples included "successful terms of office" (not merely months served); judged events, demos, and classes (like Arts projects, with scores to achieve); taking a manual from committee, through drafting, through approval; etc.

D5. Defining geographic territory for Chartered Subdivisions

Should future action be taken to replace or reduce geographical chartered subdivisions?

This will have major consequences for growth. Do more subdivisions increase or decrease membership and participation? Clearly, small numbers of members holding large areas have had little success building. Reducing subdivisions to where their members actually live or adopting the "Nevada Plan," allows existing groups to grow and new groups to be created.

Being in Nevada, I like the way our shared territory system works and welcome more subdivisions in the future to play with. I hope it allows us to develop the northern parts of our region. I don't know if it would work for everyone.

**XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES.....
..... MARCH 2008**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

END OF MINUTES