

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES GENERAL
OF THE ADRIAN EMPIRE, INC.
2 and 3 November 1996

See attached Agenda to follow along:

FIRST SESSION 2 NOVEMBER 1996

I. Call to Order:

Attendance was taken and quorum was verified. 27 of 29 were in attendance either in person or by proxy.

II. Minutes:

The minutes of 9 March 1996 were provisionally approved without correction. If any errors be subsequently revealed, the minutes may be corrected at any time. The member finding the error need only notify the Imperial Chancellor to put any necessary corrections on a subsequent agenda.

The minutes of 20/21 July 1996 were approved with the following amendment:

Under Steward's Report, the term "503C" was amended to "501C".

III. Banking and Post Office Resolutions:

Resolved that the authorized signatories on the corporate bank account be:

First Signature: Terry Fink

Second Signature: Ruth Mitchell

Third Signature: Robert Harrell (until a new Steward is appointed, at which time, the new Steward shall be the third signatory)

No action was taken to modify the those with authorized access regarding the corporate post office box. The status quo continues pending modification by the Throne.

**** Approval of Charters:**

Duchy of Sangreal: The Imperial Estates acknowledged that Esperance had modified its own Charter by act of its Estates to cede certain lands to the Imperium for the purpose of forming a new Duchy. The King of Terre-Neuve announced that it was the intent of that Kingdom to also cede certain lands for that purpose, but that its Estates had not yet met. The Imperial Estates, in light of the Terreneuvien King's report, modified Terre-Neuve's Charter to reflect the cession of lands as requested by Terre-Neuve's King. The lands ceded by Esperance and Terre-Neuve were described in the proposed Charter of Sangreal, which was then approved.

Duchy of Tierra Del Fuego: Tabled until the end of the meeting.

Kingdom of Esperance: Motion was made to expand the boundaries of Esperance northward to the border of Kern County. Failed.

Duchy of Slivowitz and Valley of Kings: Suspended at this time.

**** Imperial Reports:**

Steward: Report on membership turnover.

Expenditures approved.

\$500 was received from the Adria/ECS joint demo in Las Vegas in October, 1996. Budgeted for joint Adria/ECS events, with \$70 already expended for the Umbrians' travel to the demo last month. Approved.

Rolls: Report on necessity of improvement of communication and paperwork between the Imperium and the local regions. Progress of the master rolls.

Throne: Sir Nikolai shall see the 501(c)(3) application through to conclusion.

IV. Policies on Minors and Members

1. Imperial Writ REGARDING PROTECTION OF MINORS AND MEMBERS. Approval was provisionally tabled. The Writ shall continue until the end of the reign. If the next Imperial Throne does not institute a different policy,

the Writ shall continue as is. The current Writ shall appear on the agenda of the meeting of next Imperial Estates General.

2. Minor participation in Ministry and Robe disciplines (receiving credit toward knighthood). Passed as a Bylaw amendment. Any member may become a knight in the Ministry or Robe list, regardless of age, if that member has met the requirements. The opportunity to participate shall be afforded to members of all ages.
3. Judicial Findings regarding the defendants Phillipe, Chienne, and Terrance: Report by Sir Stefan. Trial is set for November 23, 1996. Motion to permanently banish Terrance at this time. Failed.
4. Associate Membership: Failed.
5. Lifetime Members: Failed (both proposals).
6. Lifetime Memberships: Failed.
7. Membership Fees: Failed.
8. Six-month Memberships: Commentary from Sir Stefan: This membership type was originally designed for college students (poor and transient). Failed.
9. Dues for Minors/Members of Households: Withdrawn from consideration by the Estates and submitted to the Imperial Chancellor for opinion. Prior rendered opinion erroneous as it was based on Article IV.E. as it appeared prior to its amendment in July of 1994. The Imperial Chancery shall render a new opinion based on the law as it currently stands should the question be formally placed before it. Otherwise, interpretation of law shall be deferred to the regions in which disputes arise.

V. Imperial Reign and Crown War:

- 1) Change to By-Laws: withdrawn from consideration (see below)
- 2) Counterproposal: The agenda was suspended, and the counterproposal was considered first. It was amended as follows:

The Imperial Estates Meeting and the transfer of power would occur in the first weekend of November. For this year only, the transfer of power would occur on the third week of November. Passed as amended. Proposal 1) was withdrawn.

- 3) Dead Law: Passed.

VI. Meetings of the Membership/Meetings of the Governing Body

1. Definition of Meetings: Failed.

2. a. Summoning of the Imperial Estates: Failed. Amended version(s) shall be placed as New Business for the Agenda for the 1997 meeting of the Imperial Estates General. Proposal: Any two may call for an Imperial Estates Meeting. If such a call is made, the Imperial Chancellor shall poll the Estates. If the majority of Estates wish to have a meeting, there shall be a meeting.
- b. Article VI.B.: Passed.
- c. Article VI.D.: Withdrawn to be resubmitted consistent with the rewrite of Proposal 2.a. (above).
- d. Article VI.E.:Withdrawn to be resubmitted consistent with rewrite of Proposal 2.a. (above).
- e. Article VI.F.:Withdrawn to be resubmitted consistent with rewrite of Proposal 2.a. (above). Proposed rewrite: Strike the words "call for a general meeting" from Articles VI.F.1.A., 2.b., and 3.b.
- f. Article VI.G.: Passed.
- g. Annual Meetings of the Governing Body: Passed.
3. Parliamentary Immunity: Tabled. The first two sentences of the proposal, "All members...Estates," were raised from the table and passed. The second half remained on the table to be considered at the next meeting of the Imperial Estates General.
4. Qualifications for Membership on the Imperial Estates: Passed.
5. Earls and Comtessas: Failed. Proposed for next Meeting of the Imperial Estates General: The Grand Assembly shall convene at the conclusion of the reign of an Imperial Throne and shall review all Earls and Comptessas to determine by simple majority vote whether each shall retain his/her privilege to vote. Their titles shall remain regardless of the decision. All Earls and Comtessas shall be reviewed. 2/3 of the Grand Assembly may reinstate a vote which was previously denied. The votes of the reviewed Earls and Comtessas would remain in effect (even if denied) until all Earls and Comtessas had been reviewed.
6. Proxies: Failed.
7. Voter Information: Motion to send to committee: Failed. Motion: Failed.

VII. Relationships with other Organizations: Passed.

VIII. Judicial Process:

1. Judicial Ban: Passed.
2. Jurisdiction: Passed.
3. Judicial Appeal: Failed. Proposal is to be resubmitted for New Business for next Meeting of the Imperial Estates General addressing the question as to whether the Grand Assembly is called into session by the submission of the appeal. From Baron Roland: The Grand Assembly should appoint a judicial committee to review cases that come before it.
4. Due Process: Passed.
5. Sovereign Immunity: Passed as an amendment to the Codex Adjudicata. Sir Dmitri (or anyone) is invited to rewrite the proposal as a By-Law amendment.
6. Punishments: Passed with the following commentary: The interpretation of this amendment is that the court can recommend the punishments, but the body in charge of the punishment actually determines the punishment.

IX. Corporate and Imperial Governments and Relationships

1. Corporate Officers:
 - a. Dies for lack of second.
 - b. Failed.
2. Corporate Records: Passed as a resolution. The Imperial Steward is directed to propose a revision to the Steward's Manual consistent with this resolution and review it with the Imperial Throne. To be submitted for approval at the next meeting of the Imperial Estates General.
3. Audits (Imperial): Failed.
4. Audits (Chartered Subdivisions): Failed.
5. Signatories (Chartered Subdivisions): Withdrawn as it may conflict with mundane law.

X. Demonstrations

1. Demonstration Initiations: Passed as an Estates Writ.
2. Demonstration Definition and Initiation: Withdrawn.
3. Collegia: Referred to committee for revision and resubmission for the next Meeting of the Imperial Estates General. Collegia need to be defined, as

well as demonstration initiations in general. Committee to be formed by Sir Caliban or any interested member.

XI. Duchies:

1. Definition: Three proposals were made for the minimum membership of a Duchy:
 - a. i. 30: Failed.
 - ii. 20: Failed.
 - b. 12: Failed.
2. Qualifications: Passed as resolution and referred to "Ducal Committee". Sir Phelan Kell to chair. Dame Francesca, Sir Cedrik, Sir Stefan, Sir Logan, and Dame Gwenlliann volunteered to be on the committee.
3. Ducal Crown Wars: Failed.
4. Ducal Pax Regium: Withdrawn by author.
5. Ducal Retirement Titles: Referred to Ducal Committee.

XII. Requirements for Kings and Queens: Withdrawn by author.

XIII. Knighthoods: Failed.

XIV. Review of the Domain of CoirNoir: Passed.

BREAK FOR LUNCH UNTIL 1:10 P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:12 P.M.

Comments by the Emperor: Mandor de CoirNoir should be encouraged to reestablish a Domain that upholds the laudable ideals once espoused by the former Domain of CoirNoir. Perhaps the correct spelling of Coeur Noir should be reserved for Mandor's use.

XV. Realms: Withdrawn by author.

XVI. Sumptuary Rights

All proposals in this section referred to committee. The committee shall consist of the Sovereign of Arms, Sir Thomas Fitzshokes, Dame Gwenlliann, and volunteers from each subdivision.

XVII. Manuals

1. The Sovereign of Arms Manual shall be withdrawn from consideration. New information has not been reviewed by the Arms office. The manual is

currently an Imperial Writ, and shall continue until the end of the reign, at which time it may or may not be renewed by the incoming Thrones.

The Imperial Estates resolved to review the manuals section by section.

The Agenda was suspended, and manuals were considered out of order.

5. Herald's Manual: Removed from consideration. The Herald's Manual shall continue as an Imperial Writ until the end of the reign, at which time it may or may not be renewed by the incoming Thrones.
3. Manual of Combat:
All referrals to the Champions List stricken by author.
Differences with current Manual (1992) explained.
Motion that all references to Heavy Renn be considered first. Passed with one abstention.

The Sections with Heavy Renn references are as follows (with modifications so noted) and were considered for approval:

Article I. Section D.

Article II. Section B.2 and 3 combined under the heading "Knights List" [with addition Class C.a. weapons shall not be used against Class C.b. Weapons].

Article III. Section D.

Article IV. Section C.b. [with addition, g. Minimum Width 3/4"].

Motion to approve: 8 Aye, 16 Nay. Failed.

Proposal for the next Meeting of the Imperial Estates: Sir Stefan suggests that a new proposal regarding Heavy Renn, and other controversial issues be authored. Parameters are discussed, including the division between the Sergeants list and the Knights list, and the proposed Champions list. The Minister suggests that the weapon is not the problem, but rather, the level of competition.

Motion: To accept the Manual of Combat with all references stricken as to Heavy Renn and Champions list as reflected above, and with the following typographical errors corrected (and commentaries noted):

Article III. Section E. 4.b. 1/2" gap maximum

Commentary: Inherent in all these minimum requirements is the concept of "or equivalent".

Commentary by Sir Bear: If possible, the use of non-period plastic and aluminum would not be used in Adria.

Commentary by Sir Jehan based on Terreneuvien law: The choice of making stricter armor requirements shall be allowed the Chartered Subdivisions. The Chartered Subdivision shall provide the necessary upgrades to all visiting combatants so that they will not have to provide it.

Article IV. Section A. 1. (omission: please add: or a female equivalent for women.)

Passed.

4. Judging Handbook:

- a. Dame Delia asked to remove the Judging Sheets from consideration. Also, she had yet to complete the Chartered Subdivision/Imperial guidelines for different art forms (i.e. bardic, food). Withdrawn.
- b. On urging by Dame Katyana, Dame Delia resubmitted the Judging Handbook for consideration as an incomplete but authorized set of Imperial Guidelines not rising to the level of law. This would allow playtesting. Passed.
- a. (again) A motion was made to adopt the Judging Handbook as is as Imperial Law. Failed.

2. Manual of Arts and Science:

It was proposed that the Imperial Estates consider each section of the proposed Manual as had been done with the Manual of Combat. The proposal was withdrawn in favor of another proposal. The Manual would be presented in its entirety for approval by the Imperial Estates as an authorized deviation from Imperial Law-- in other words, authorized for play-test purposes. Commentary: This would mean that the Chartered Subdivisions that choose to use this Manual for any of their tournaments might do so, and all points and ranks achieved by members under this system would be recognized by the Imperium. Passed as an authorized deviation and placed as New Business for the next meeting of the Imperial Estates for review.

6. Proposed By-Law Changes:

Sir Thomas FitzShokes made a brief presentation reported as follows:

Various items have already been covered in the Imperial Estates Meeting. Item: Proposes that this body take the time to consider moving to a very simple point system; in order to better reflect competence and participation. Suggests a 5-point maximum system per month; different points for first/second place and for participation.

Moved and seconded to move to a committee of the whole. Passed.
Discussion followed.

Moved that the Imperial Estates return to session. Passed.

Motion to refer the matter to the ECS Merger Committee (Sir Thomas FitzShokes, Sir Stefan, Sir Nikolai, Sir William Ce'Wolf, Dame Delia, Dame Dorothea, Sir Frederick von Burg, and Dame Francesca. Passed.

3. Manual of Combat (again-- to re-address the issue of Heavy Renn):

The question of heavy renn. The Chancellor wishes to entertain a motion to allow heavy renn to be approved as an exotic weapon, and opens the matter for informal discussion. The issue is important enough that the Chancellor asserts that some resolution, albeit temporary, should be reached at this meeting. No objection is made to the Chancellor's decision, and the motion is deemed moved and seconded.

Sir Nikolai points out that there are no armor restrictions for exotic weapons. Sir Stefan points out that the use of heavy renn has already been denied for safety reasons. Dame Francesca says that Umbrians wish that the Imperial Estates not prohibit them from playing with a weapon they have used for years. Sir Thomas points out that the problem with heavy renn has been the lack of armor/body protection. Sir Fredrick von Burg suggests the possibility of making exotic weapons a separate weapons style, additionally with appropriate body armor.

Move to vote. Seconded. Objection from Sir Nikolai as it seemed that others wished to speak. Motion to vote withdrawn. In the alternative, a motion to limit debate to a fixed number of minutes is passed.

Sir Thomas suggests an amendment to make Heavy Renn an "experimental weapon" and that the Umbrians and other users in the Empire be required to come back with reasonable armor requirements. Sir Stefan suggests that the Umbrians simply come back in 60 days to the Imperial Minister of Joust with upgraded armor standards. The debate time limit is reached.

Sir Frederick reads a list of possible armor compromises for final approval, do or die:

Head: Required: Three-weapons mask with back of the head protection of heavy leather, equivalent or greater or a fully enclosed 16-gauge steel helm with a visor that fully covers the face and chin with opening no greater than 1/8 in any direction.

Neck: Required: A gorget of heavy leather reinforced with 16 gauge steel or equivalent, that fully covers the neck and underside of chin.

Body: Required: A brigadine armor, (heavy leather reinforced with

20 gauge steel). Arms and legs: Steel elbow cups of 16 gauge steel, heavy leather bracers and rigid knee pads.

Shoulders: Required: Steel spaulders of 20-gauge steel or greater.

Hands: Required: Leather gloves with basket hilts or with open hilted weapons gauntlets of 16-gauge steel.

Compromise found acceptable. Heavy Renn passed as an experimental weapon for play test under the above conditions. Matter to be reviewed at the next Meeting of the Imperial Estates General.

XVIII. Miscellaneous Business:

** Successful Reigns: Chancellor moved on to a vote on the successful completion of the reign of the Emperor and Empress. Seconded. Each to be considered separately. Sir Nikolai speaks first then leaves the room. Discussion follows. Sir Bear brings up the question of whether the Imperial Estates should be considering only Sir Nik's performance or also the performance of his ministers. Sir Stefan argues that the performance of ministers also must be considered. Sir Thomas says there has been improvement and movement, and that's what should be considered. Sir Thomas moved to vote. Seconded. No objection to voting. Voting proceeded. All in favor except 1 Nay and 3 abstentions. Sir Nik's reign deemed successful. Dame Dorothea then speaks and leaves the room. Sir Fredrick von Burg fervently supports her. Moved to vote. Seconded. No objection to voting. Voting proceeds. All in favor but for 3 abstentions. Dame Dorothea's reign deemed successful.

** Approval of Ministers: Sir Bear is asked for list of ministers. Presents partial list:

Sir Jehan, Chancellor.

Dame Katherine with deputy (Brynna), rolls.

Sir Caliban, steward (& will train Baron Roland as deputy).

Sovereign of Arms, Dame Dorothea.

Marshall, Sir Thomas Fitzshokes (unless he wins the Crown of Esperance).

Sir William de Gardenier, Minister of Joust & War with Sir Fredrick von Burg as deputy.

Arts & Science, Dame Katyana and Dame Delia as deputy.

New Physiker will be Dame Tachelle.

Sir Magus will be Hospitler.

Chronicler position is open, (Sir Caliban will continue until one is chosen).

Is considering the possibility of Warden.

Naysayer, Aileen O'Kelly.

Bear's Claw, James Bloodstone.

Motion to approve list of ministers as presented. Seconded. All in favor but 2 abstentions. Passed.

III. Banking and Post Office Resolutions (again): The new list of signatories will be Terry Fink, Ruth Mitchell and Thomas Vincent.

** The issue of the Charter of the Duchy of Tierra Del Fuego was raised from the table. Proposed that the Duchy consist of the following counties: Sacramento, Sonoma, Napa and Solano, Contra Costa, Santa. Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin. Motion and second to approve charter by Imperial Estates: All in favor but 3 abstentions. Motion passed, charter approved.

Announcements:

** Announcement made to Sir Nikolai and Dame Dorothea that they have received the Imperial retirement titles of Prince and Princess of the Adrian Empire.

No date for the next meeting is set (other than the first weekend in November, 1997, as reflected in the amended By-Laws).

New business will be accepted by the Imperial Chancellor up until 30 days prior to the next called meeting or 60 days prior to next year's regularly scheduled Imperial Estates meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 PM. □