

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.  
Meeting Minutes  
April 4, 1981

<u>Board Members present:</u>	<u>Staff Members Present:</u>	<u>Others Present:___</u>
John Trimble, Chair	Cliveden Chew Haas, Registrar	Kevin Dinapoli
Rhea Stone III	Phil McDown, Marshal	Ann Dinapoli
Tracie Brown	Deborah W. Bennett, Clerk	Chris Anton
Henrik Olsgaard		David Anderson
Larry Mannion		Larry Hyink

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The meeting was called to order at 1:17:25 at the home of Dave Thewlis.

- I. Establishing the agenda: The following items were added to the agenda: IIA; V D; VI A,B; VII D,E.

M/s/c Stone-Tracie to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was passed unanimously.

- II. A: Approval of minutes: it was noted that the last set of Board minutes had been approved by mail.

B. Approval of new Board member: M/s/c Stone-Henrik to accept with thanks Larry Mannion (Sir Lorin sur la Roche) as the fifth Board member. The motion was passed unanimously.

- III. Reports:

A. Steward's Report: There was no Steward's report, as he had been holding it for an express mail package from the West to include, intending it to then be express mailed to the Clerk. The Seneschale of the West found the P.O. would not take express mail to Knoxville. The Steward found that they would not take express mail to El Cerrito. Sigh.....

B. Chancellor of the Exchequer's Report: Gordon was not there to present a report. Presumably, however, we are still solvent.

C. Registry Report: Cliveden handed out the latest status reports showing the usual encouraging increases in membership. As of the end of February, there were nearly 5,000 paying members of the SCA. Everything was going fine with the Registry and she had nothing else in particular to report.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik to accept the report of the Registrar. The motion was passed unanimously.

D. Marshal's Report: This was delayed for his arrival. When Phil appeared he had the following things to say: the Fighters Handbook was well in process..he had the proof copy with him and held it up to much applause; having perused it he was going to call the printer up on Monday to say go ahead and print it. He had no further information concerning insurance as he had not gotten hold of the recommended legal contact. The Rule Book was progressing somewhat. He now had some 14 pages in the word

processor. However, he had run into a snag because they changed the software at work and he had to reorient himself on that so he could use the word processor... When it was all edited, he would run off copies for the Board and the Kingdom Earl Marshals for review, and would also publish it in T.I. with an explanation.

He also had a correction to make concerning the cost of the printing for the Fighters Handbook...the printers had dropped a decimal in their original quote...the correct price was \$1,948.

M/s/c Tracie-Larry to accept the Marshal's report. The motion was passed unanimously.

- E. Chronicler's Report: Lady Melusine was beginning to settle into her office, and things were running fairly normally. Nothing in particular to report here.

John at this point brought up the current status of the reprint of the Known World Handboke. At present it was delayed due to attempts to get an updated list of officers to go into the back of it.

The Clerk also took this opportunity to report on the Great T.I. Hunt...she and Duke Andrew of Riga had indeed located the old boxes of T.I. and had removed some 45 boxes of them into the basement at Dave's house. In addition they had located old SCA files, office trappings, and assorted unidentified whatnot, all buried under mountains of dust, cobwebs, and general assorted resident wildlife. There remained the problem of repacking the T.I.'s into boxes that would not disintegrate when shipped, mailing as many as possible off to the Stock Clerk, and finding someplace other than Dave's basement to store the rest of the stuff.

As the Registrar also had a lot of old printouts that needed storage, the possibility of renting a storage space was discussed. It was decided that it would be reasonable to acquire storage out here for the same rate as paid to the Stock Clerk, i.e \$25 a month.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik that the Board authorize the Clerk to research the possibility of acquiring storage space in the area. The Board further authorized the expenditure of up to \$25 a month for the acquisition of such storage space as will suit the needs of the Corporate Officers of the SCA, Inc.

The motion was passed unanimously.

M/s/c -? Tracie to receive the Chronicler's report. The motion was passed unaniouslyly.

- F. Arts Report: Mistress Irminsul had sent in an excellent and comprehensive report on the state of the Arts in the known world.

All Kingdoms seem to have a variety of arts activities, which category of activity seems to be in general flourishing in the SCA. The only Kingdom she had not heard from was the Middle, but she assumed it was lack of communication, not lack of activity.

M/s/c Tracie-Stone to receive the report of the Mistress of Arts with appreciation. The motion was passed unanimously.

- G. Sciences Report: there was no sciences report at this time.
- H. Laurel King at Arms: Wilhelm had sent in his reports to the College of Heraldry for February and March, containing questions on usage of fantasy names, the proper usage (or non-usage) of 'alphabet soup', what to do about various types of made-up heraldic monsters, and so on. Also included were titles of rank in Irish and Czech. All things seem to be going well with the heralds, with the office running smoothly and continued research into correct period heraldic usage being done.

Master Wilhelm also sent along a letter he had received from Brigantia concerning the right of Setanta an Chasur (later, Shannon an Chasur after his name was rejected) to the title of Count since he had abdicated a month before he was due to step down from the throne of the East. The question centered around the fact that though Corpora states that the title is bestowed after the first full reign, there have been precedents (most of them quite archaic) for the bestowal of the title under other circumstances.

After discussion of the matter the Board decided to leave it in the hands of The Laurel King at Arms without their making a ruling of Corpora vs precedent.

M/s/c Stone-Tracie that the Board remand the letter to the Laurel King at Arms to deal with, and that the Board note that it is sufficiently satisfied with the precedents. The motion was passed unanimously.

- I. Chirurgeon General's Report: there was none

#### IV. Routine Business

- A. Changes of status: Here there was the petition of the Shire of Westermark (West Kingdom) to be advanced to Barony status. Various members of the Shire (including the prospective Baron and Baroness) were present to discuss the matter. There had been mixed opinion whether or not Westermark should be so elevated. The King of the West recommended it, but the Prince of the Mists did not, feeling that there was no need for a Barony in that region. Westermark is also a group with an unusual reputation, being combined of creativity, political satire, service, and disrespect of conventions, thus they have generated much opinion among other local members. After much discussion,

the Board decided to approve the change in status.

M/s/c Stone-Tracie that in the absence of a formal recommendation by the Steward, given both the approval of the King of the West and knowledge of Catalin di Napoli and Ana Moonstar, the Board approves the elevation of the Shire of Westermark to the status of Barony, pending the official counts from the Registry.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- B. Legal Agents: there was a letter from E.L. Wimett, legal agent for Mississippi.

M/s/c Henrik-Stone to receive the letter and commend it to the action of the Clerk of the Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

- C. Establishment of next meeting: June 27 (Saturday) at John Trimble's house in Los Angeles, to begin at 3:00 in the afternoon.

#### V. Old Business

- A. Changing the Board structure: Dave Thewlis had written a formal proposal for restructuring the Board in such a way as to allow for representation from other Kingdoms, trying to make the Board indeed the national body that it should be. It was determined that information was needed from the Chancellor of the Exchequer concerning what kind of monies were available to make the proposal feasible, information was needed from the Clerk as to the nature and time requirements of her job, and that finally everybody should go away and ponder it until the next meeting.

M/s/c Tracie-Stone that the proposal by Dave Thewlis for the restructuring of the BoD be placed in Old Business for active consideration at the June meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

- B. Status reports for KWH, Corpora, Fighters Handbook, insurance: Three of the above had already been discussed. The status of the Corpora was that it was in publication at that time, and should be ready by the end of April to be mailed out in early May. As far as the KWH went, John said he would bug the Chronicler about it.
- C. Registry computers: Cliveden said that this was still under active consideration but that there were no recommendations yet.
- D. Land Fund Board of Trustees: The Land Fund of the Kingdom of the West, having finally acquired sufficient monies to think about actually purchasing land, desired to set up a Board of Trustees for the administration of the project. They had brought this before the Board last time, and were told to go and write By-laws, which were here presented. The Board reviewed them,

making several suggested changes. It was determined that the entire document should not be put into the minutes, but that interested persons could certainly acquire copies if they wished to.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik to accept provisionally the By-laws of the Land Fund Board of Trustees, with the final draft of the By-laws to be available at the June meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Copies of the current draft as well as the revised draft were to be sent to the Board in the interim, and the final draft of the By-laws would be delayed with in June, as well as a list of nominees for the Board of Trustees.

#### VI. New Business

- A. The Province in Alberta: The Board was in receipt of a petition (via the Seneschale of the West) from the Shire of Montengarde located in the mundane province of Alberta in Canada, to the effect that the action of the Board the previous year making the three Shires in Alberta into an SCA Province, borders to be contiguous with the mundane province, was totally unacceptable. The Seneschale of the West had also had occasion to visit the region and discuss the situation with the people in Alberta, and she concurred that the action of the Board had been ill-advised. Although the Board had acted in good faith on the issue, at the behest of the then King and Queen of the West, it appears that there was some misinformation concerning the true nature of the situation in Alberta and that creating an SCA province there was not in fact in the best interests of the assorted inhabitants.

M/s/c Henrik-Stone that the Board of Directors recognizes the petition from Montengarde and acting upon that and the report from the Seneschale of the West, hereby abolishes the SCA province created in the Canadian province of Alberta, with all the groups previously composing that SCA province to retain their current status within the Kingdom of the West.

The motion was passed unanimously.

M/s/c Stone-Tracie that the Clerk of the Board write a letter to the people in Montengarde to inform them of the action of the Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

- B. Shire in Spain: A couple resident in the West is being transferred (via the military) to Spain and wished to set up a shire there. It seems there was some question as to the proper jurisdiction of the potential shire. As the founders were residents of the West, with no knowledge of the customs of other kingdoms they wished to have the shire be established under the aegis of the West Kingdom if that were possible. However, in general Europe is held to be allied to the East Kingdom- certainly the Principality of Drachenwald in Germany is, and the people in England (such as there are). Thus it

was questioned where the jurisdiction over the shire should lie. The East and Drachenwald felt that since they were closer (in case someone needed to deal with a problem) and since Europe was, in effect, theirs, that it would be better if they could supervise the branch. The potential founders wanted to know what the Board thought about it.

The general opinion of the Board was that it was acceptable for the shire to be established through the West Kingdom and that the Steward and the Seneschal of the East and the Prince of Drachenwald should be informed of this. The Board did not deem that any official action needed to be taken by them, so there was no motion /resolution concerning the issue.

- C. the problem of incorporation in Canada: this is an ongoing issue, in that by Canadian law the organization needs to be separately incorporated in each province. The Seneschale of the West had talked to a member there with some legal expertise and felt that something ought to be done to at least get more information so that we could deal with the problem.

M/s/c Tracie-Larry that a committee to be composed of Larry and Henrik meet with the Seneschale of the West and the Clerk of the Board to discuss and solve the problem of Canadian incorporations and to report back at the June Board meeting.

The motion was passed unanimously.

#### VII. Communications

- A. Patrick Smith, cont. Henrik asked that this item be moved to executive session for discussion.
- B. Yrjö Kirjawiisas: this was his library report for the months of February, March and April, giving the latest lists of new articles on file, chess problems, and general information on his activities.

M/s/c Stone-Larry to receive the reports. The motion was passed with Tracie abstaining from boredom.

- C. Daedra McBeth a Gryphon: this was concerning the casual reference in the Steward's report of February that perhaps in the case of the Kingdoms that had not yet sent in Doomsday reports the possibility of the Seneschales in question being nudged into action by tax-related penalties could be considered, She was quite worried about the implications for SCA branches.

M/s/c Tracie-Stone to receive the letter, noting that the Clerk had already answered the communication. The motion was passed unanimously.

- D. Baroness Merewyn de Lyonesse: this was her formal letter of resignation as Baroness of Allyshia, as she was marrying and moving to another location in the West Kingdom.

M/s/c Stone-Larry to accept the resignation of Merewyn de Lyonesse as Baroness of Allyshia. The motion was passed unanimously.

- E. Mistress Rowena d'Anjou: This was from the West Kingdom Seneschale and concerned several points in the Corpora. One was linguistic in nature, noting that space could be saved by referring to an officer as the "minister" of something rather than as the "master/mistress".

Of the other two, one noted that there are no provisions in Corpora for dissolution of branches and that it would be nice if there were perhaps some guidelines in the matter. The West was in the process of writing such rules for their Kingdom and wanted any input the Board wished to give.

The last matter concerned the opinion of the Board that laws to prohibit a reigning Monarch from entering the Crown Lists for an incipient Kingdom within his realm should be made by individual Kingdoms if they so desired, but should not be put into Corpora. She was moved to point out that since a King can change Kingdom law, having such a provision in Kingdom statutes was perhaps not the best course. Ultimately, she noted, that if the situation arose again, the King could then be in the position of sitting as his own judge should his actions be challenged in entering such a List. She wished that the Board would reconsider its position in the matter.

It was the opinion of the Board that the dissolution of branches was an item that belonged in Kingdom law, and that it would not reverse its previous opinion concerning the Lists of incipient Kingdoms, which laws belonged in Kingdom statutes, not in the Corpora.

M/s/c Tracie-Larry to receive the letter. The motion was passed unanimously.

- VIII. Executive session: an executive session was held. There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



Deborah W. Bennett  
Clerk