

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 1981

Board members present:

John Trimble, Chairman
Rhea Stone
Henrik Olsgaard

Staff Members present:

Cliveden Chew Haas, Registrar
Gordon Monson, Chancellor
of the Exchequer
Deborah W. Bennett, Clerk

Others Present:

Lonna Alexander

The meeting was called to order at Stone's house at 8:28:30.

- I. Establishing the agenda: The agenda was established with the addition of items VI B, Lonna Alexander; VII I, verbal communication from Caid.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik to establish the agenda as above. Motion passed unanimously.

- II. Approval of minutes: the minutes for the December meeting were approved with corrections already made by the Clerk.

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

III. Reports:

- A. Steward's Report: A brief report indicating that things were going relatively smoothly in all Kingdoms, and what was not going smoothly was so far being taken care of internally. The various new Seneschales (East, West, Caid) are adjusting to their offices and beginning to be active. The Imperium, in general, is in order...

He also forwarded paperwork for the Shire of Settmour Swamp for elevation to Baronial status, and the relevant paperwork concerning the recent complaint against Duchess Willow in Ansteorra.

The Board once again wondered about lists of new branches which have never been received by them. The Steward continues to not report the new branch approvals, and the board has no record of them. The Clerk was instructed to once again ask the Steward about this matter.

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

- B. Chancellor of the Exchequer's Report: Gordon presented his third quarter report, showing our continued prosperity. He had also made a series of graphs to illustrate the growth curve of the SCA memberships since 1978, when Cliveden took over as Registrar. The result was quite dramatic, as the increase has been nearly exponential (.99 to be exact).

Gordon reported that he would like to have a full budget worked out for next year; for the remainder of this year we will work with an informal one. Costs for the Chirurgeon's Office have to be worked out, for example, as well as recalculating the costs for T.I. now that it is back on schedule.

In the matter of increasing the stipend to newsletters, Gordon said that he had made several calculations on the matter, and he recommended a 10¢ increase across the board . After some further discussion he noted that raising the first class rate by 11¢ would make the sums come out more evenly.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik to increase the stipend to the kingdom newsletters by 10¢ for third class mailing (making a 35¢ total) and 11¢ for first class mailing (making a total of 65¢). The motion was passed unanimously.

There were some bank cards for the T-bill accounts that had to be approved sp they would have Gordon's signature on them.

M/s/c Henrik-Stone to approve the bank cards. The motion was passed unanimously.

Also, Gordon wanted to know if, in default of an established budget, a de facto budget of some amount could be established for various offices. He recommended the sum of \$50 as a working amount.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik that each National Officer, in default of an established budget, shall be allotted a de facto budget of \$50. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

- C. Registry report: Cliveden reported that membership would be at 4800 in March. The mailing of expiration notices is going well and she is still getting good response from them. She also wants to see about sending out an about-to-expire notice.

She brought up a problem that had happened due to an oversight on her part.. she had told everybody but the East Kingdom Chronicler that Atlantia would be run on separate labels in January. As a result he printed an extra 221 copies of the newsletter. She wanted to know if he could be paid for these at the 3rd class rate and bill it as a Registry expense.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik that the Chancellor of the Exchequer be directed to pay the Pikestaff \$55.25 for the Registry error resulting in the overprint of the January issue. The motion was passed unanimously.

Cliveden then presented the Registry contract for 1981. This was based on a 40 hour work -week, up from the 34 hours last year. Even at that, she said, it will only work if procedures are further streamlined...for example, she is investigating the possibility of computer-generated membership cards, working up form letters to cover the most routine problems the office gets, etc. As it is, she said, routine correspondance is backed up abput six months. All the membership processing is kept up to date, cards go out, information packets go out, filing is up to date and all problems get dealt with. But routine correspondance falls behind in the

Her proposed contract for the coming year was \$6240 plus expenses. It was also discussed whether she could have extra hours funded to hire someone to help with correspondence and get that caught up.

M/s/c Henrik-Stone that the Board approve the Registry contract for 1981 as presented. The Board further approves an extra 20 hours a month at \$3.50 an hour for three months to allow the Registry to get the back correspondence caught up. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

- D. Marshal's Report: Deborah presented the report from the Marshal. He said that all is well in the office, Domesday reports are in from all his Kingdom Marshals. He is editing the rule book into final shape at present. He has talked to the insurance company that covers the West Kingdom about what kind of coverage they could provide and was told that for approximately 5 times what the West pays per year (based on population estimates) i.e. about \$2,000 we can get a good amount of liability and property insurance. Blanket medical coverage for fighters would cost around \$3 per person per year if we wanted it. To get a full quote we will need to give the agent the current membership count and some idea of how many branches we have. There is a distinct advantage in that these people know the SCA and have worked with us for several years. The last thing he had to report was that the Fighter's Handbook is being worked into final shape according to the printer's specs, and Phil anticipated having it back in N.Y. by the end of the month to be printed.

There was discussion about the insurance issue. It was thought that the primary goal was the liability insurance... we were not trying to get medical insurance for fighters, they can carry their own. It is also the case that there are a number of places we cannot hold events (like Los Angeles) because we do not have insurance, and other than the obvious advantages of having group liability insurance etc. it could also open up hitherto inaccessible sites for events. It was discussed whether the liability figure quoted (\$1,000,000; a fairly standard amount) would be sufficient, and it was decided that we should get an opinion from someone who was not an insurance agent but had some legal expertise. It was suggested that Phil contact Master Beverly Hodgehead about the matter, as he was local.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik that the Board of Directors ask the Marshal to continue investigating the possibility of insurance coverage through the company that insures the West Kingdom, that he get the membership information from the Registry, and that he ask Master Beverly about the amount of the insurance. The Board further requests that the Marshal present a firm offer from the insurance company at the April meeting for their consideration. The motion was passed unanimously.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik to receive the Marshal's report. The motion was passed unanimously.

- E. Chronicler's Report: This was the last report by Varg before handing the office over to Lady Melusine Whitcroft the Petite (Pam Poggiani). There was also a first report from Lady Melusine. A warrant for the office was signed by the Board, making her position now official. Varg may now take a well-deserved break from Chronicler's business. Lady Melusine

had some specific budget requests, for stationery, a return address stamp and other such office items. These were felt by Gordon to be reasonable expenses. In general vis-à-vis the Chronicler's Office, T.I. is now on schedule and doing well, the Known World Handboke reprint is progressing, the mysterious full shed of old T.I.'s has been located and is being excavated, and the programming for the Great Domesday is complete and ready for the information.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik to receive the reports of both Chroniclers. The motion was passed unanimously.

F. Arts Report: there was none this time.

G. Sciences Report: Sciences are not in good order everywhere, according to Master Gwilym. Ansteorra, Atenveldt and the Middle are in good working shape, he says, with lots of activity and regular reporting. No news has been heard from the West or Meridies for some time. The officer in Caid recently resigned her post, but Caid is replete with Science activity. The Sciences in the East are currently in abeyance as the head has quit in protest over an edict concerning terms of service. Master Gwilym is doing his best to get things straightened out in the silent Kingdoms, but lack of response to letters makes it difficult to find out anything at all.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik to receive the Sciences report. The motion was passed unanimously.

H. Laurel King of Arms: There is a new Brigantia Herald in the East busily catching up the paperwork of the office. The Principal Herald Questionnaire will be sent out soon. With this report also came more translations of titles, this time into Swahili, Sanskrit, Finnish, and Hungarian. All things continue to progress well for the heraldic arm of the SCA.

M/s/c Henrik-Stone to receive the report of the Laurel King of Arms. The motion was passed unanimously.

I. Chirurgeon: This was Bohemund's Domesday report. There are now Chirurgeons in all Kingdoms, with one being sought for Atlantia. The handbook is official. The office has basically gone through its period of being set up and is now beginning to function as a regular office. Bohemund had two questions for the Board. The first was concerning chirurgeons as volunteers in the organization. He wanted to know if they could instead somehow be listed as employees of some kind. This would be very helpful for EMT's in those states where a part-time medically oriented job is required to maintain the certificate. The Board had to answer no to this, and Gordon further pointed out that the SCA does not officially employ anyone, due to complications with the tax status. Any work that is paid for (as with the Registry) is listed as outside contract work. The second question that Bohemund posed was concerning a Society-wide waiver. If we had one, could there be a clause in it to allow for medical aid to be given if the individual is unconscious or not legally an adult. The Board noted that a waiver had been written and researched, but had never been adopted because it got tied up with the insurance-national fighting/armor standards-etc. complex of questions, It did not seem unreasonable to add the provisions mentioned. The Board

recommended that Phil inquire about the suitability of the waiver when he went to talk to the insurance people, to see how it looked from the insurance end of the matter.

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

IV. Routine Business

- A. Changes in status: The Steward's report had contained a recommendation that the Shire of Settmour Swamp (North Central New Jersey) be elevated to Baronial status.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik that the Shire of Settmour Swamp be elevated to the status of Barony, pending membership counts by the Registry to determine their eligibility. The motion was passed unanimously.

- B. Legal Agents: there were none.
- C. Establishment of next meeting: The next meeting was set for Saturday April 4, 1:00 P.M. in Berkeley at Dave's house. The Board may try to make a habit of meeting on weekends now because the Tuesday night pattern is increasingly difficult on those who are coming in from the other end of the state.

V. Old Business

- A. Board structure, Central Office etc.: tabled once again.
- B. Status Reports: insurance, Corpora, Fighter's Handbook, KWH: insurance and Fighter's Handbook have already been covered in the Marshal's Report. The status of the revised Revised Corpora is that due to breakdown of presses, full-time employment where there had been none before and other such interruptions, John was not going to be able to print it. He had gotten a quote from the people in New York, and it would require an extra \$750 over the original monies allotted to the project. It did mean that it would get done, however.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik to authorize the additional \$750 to be paid by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to enable the Corpora to be printed by the company in New York. The motion was passed unanimously.

The status of the KWH was that it was still being updated. No further information.

- C. Policy decision on legal agents: Stone presented a policy decision for the consideration of the Board. After some discussion the following motion was adopted:

M/s/c Stone-Henrik that the Board of Directors amend the policy decision on legal agents as discussed, and that the text be sent to the National Chronicler and the Kingdom newsletters for publication. The motion was passed unanimously.

POLICY DECISION ON LEGAL AGENTS: FEBRUARY 17, 1981

1. Duties of the Legal Agent
 - a. The primary duty of the Legal Agent is to receive on behalf of the SCA any legal papers served upon the SCA, to forward those papers to the Steward (President) and the Clerk of the Board (Secretary) and to inform the Steward (President) and the Clerk of the Board (Secretary) of the existence of any legal actions involving the SCA.
 - b. Secondly, the Legal Agent will, under the express and specific direction of the Steward (President) file such papers and pay such fees or fines as may be directed by the Steward (President).
2. Since the work of the Legal Agent is entirely mundane in nature, the position of Legal Agent will carry with it no SCA title or precedence, nor shall any notice of the office be taken in any ceremonies or Medieval Courts. The office of Legal Agent is exempted from the provisions of Corpora VI.A.1.f and VI.A.2.f.

D. Registry Computers: this topic is being worked upon.

E. Mists Six-fold Coronet Lists: This was the review of the proposal by Prince William of the Mists to hold the next Coronet List by having the competition include chess, dancing, heraldry, literature and music as well as fighting. The Board discussed the proposal at length, including letters pro and con that had been received. The general air was in favor of allowing Prince William to try it out, though Henrik expressed reservations on the matter. It was finally decided to allow the requested exemption from the Corpora so that the experiment could be tried.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik that the Board of Directors allow a one-time suspension of the applicable parts of the Corpora concerning the selection of Princes in order to allow the proposed Six-fold Coronet Lists to take place. The Board of Directors further requires of the Prince and Princess of the Mists and of the winner of the Six-fold Lists a written evaluation of the selection process. The motion was passed unanimously.

F. Frederick of Woodlyn: This was the charter that the Board requested Frederick write to organize a committee to investigate the possibility of an SCA-wide event to celebrate A.S. XX. Upon review the Board deemed the charter acceptable. It basically sets up the committee which will then report to the Board with a formal proposal; it will function by soliciting information and recommendations from the general populace.

M/s/c Henrik-Stone to approve the charter as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik to appoint Woody Hendrick (Frederick of Woodlyn) as the chairman of the committee. The motion was passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

- A. Kingdom of the West Land Fund: This was a request from James and Virginia Earley, organizers of the Land Fund, to establish a Board of Trustees. The Land Fund now has acquired enough money to be able to seriously think about looking for and purchasing a permanent tourney site, as well as seeking grant monies to go towards improving it.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik that the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc. grants permission for the organization of a Board of Trustees for the Land Fund of the Kingdom of the West and the authority for this Board to receive donations and disburse such monies as are necessary to fulfill its function. This Board shall have the authority to seek grants, obtain land, make improvements to the land, and pay any expenses necessary to fulfill this function.

The motion was passed unanimously.

There was also an account authorization for the Land Fund monies to be taken care of.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik that the Board of Directors approves the account authorization for the Land Fund monies. The motion was passed unanimously.

- B. West Kingdom Chirurgeon: this was moved to executive session.

VII. Communications

- A. Patrick Smith: this was held over from the last meeting. It concerned his letter of resignation from Knighthood. Henrik had talked to him and found out the reasons for his resignation, which had been at the direct request of the Crown. It was decided that the matter would be tabled again so that information could be gathered from the Crown of the Middle about the issue.

- B. Duke Finvarr de Taahe: This was a letter of protest concerning the Atlantia Crown Tourney, and a request that the Corpora include a provision to keep the situation from recurring. The Board noted that they had already ruled that Kingdom law should cover the matter, and the Clerk was directed to write him to that effect.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik to receive the letter. The motion was passed unanimously.

- C. Thomas R. Melville: another letter about Atlantia, this one from a legal and constitutional standpoint.

M/s/c Henrik-Stone to receive the letter. The motion was passed unanimously.

- D. Lady Giovanna Maria Hunyadi di Ghiberti: Another letter about Atlantia.

M/s/c Henrik-Stone to receive the letter. The motion was passed unanimously.

- E. Lindsey Nuttall: This was to inform the Board that she was not resigning her position as Baroness, as indicated in her letter at the December Board meeting.

M/s/c Henrik-Stone to receive the letter. The motion was passed unanimously.

- F. Däwyd von Markheim: This was his regular library report. The work keeps progressing and growing, with indexes to Scientific American, T.I., other SCA publications, mundane publications of interest, and research papers.

M/s/c Stone-Henrik to receive Däwyd's report. The motion was passed unanimously.

- G. Mistress Rowena d'Anjou: The new Seneschale of the West has encountered a problem with the action of the Board that made the three groups in the Province of Alberta into an SCA province simultaneous with their being switched to the West Kingdom. It seems, among other things, that the groups don't want to have anything to do with each other. She was going to be there and wanted to know what to do about the problem. As the date of her visit to Alberta was the weekend preceding the Board meeting, it was noted that she had already been contacted and asked to arbitrate the matter and then recommend a course of action to the Board.

M/s/c Henrik-Stone to receive the letter and to note that Mistress Rowena had been asked to arbitrate the matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

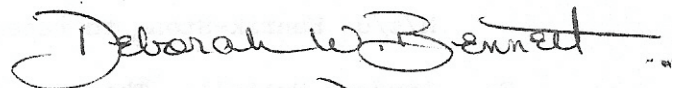
- H. Baron Korwyn Marius Velis Ariannaid: This was from the Lord High Chancellor of Ansteorra, concerning the matter of which tourney represented the lifting of the ban on Duke Jonathan DeLaufyson and Duchess Willow de Wisp. After researching the material from the Commission of Inquiry that was held in 1978, discussing the matter with the principals, etc. he had determined that the fifth Crown Tourney of Ansteorra was the one in which Duke Jonathan would be allowed to fight and in which Duchess Willow would be allowed to bestow her favor. He was sending this information to the Board so that they might review the matter before the stated Crown would take place.

M/s/c Henrik-Stone that the Board of Directors receive the letter and note that they agree with the findings therein. The motion was passed unanimously.

- I. Verbal input from Caid concerning the peerage: Stone related a verbal complaint from some citizens of Caid concerning the behavior of some of the members of the peerage. It was felt that these people were not acting in a manner proper to their rank. No letters had been received about the matter but he did want it known that the issue had been mentioned.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20:28



Erin of Eire

Deborah W. Bennett
Erin of Eire
Clerk