

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.  
Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 1982

<u>Board members present:</u>	<u>Staff members present: _</u>	<u>Others present:</u>
Larry Mannion, Chair Henrik Olsgaard Carol Bowman-Porter Michael Woodford	Cliveden Chew Haas, Corporate Secretary Gordon Monson, Chancellor of the Exchequer Sandra Adams, Steward Deborah W. Bennett, Clerk	William Keyes Dan Thompson Shelley Monson Virginia Earley Bill Jouris

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The meeting was called to order at 8:15 at the house of Cliveden Chew Haas.

- I. Establishing the agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.
- II. Approval of minutes: Cliveden brought up several points that needed clarification in the March minutes before they could be sent out.
- M/s/c Carol-Henrik to approve the March minutes as amended. The motion was passed unanimously.
- M/s/c Carol-Mike to approve the April minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Reports:

- A. Steward: Sandra expressed her concern about several issues. One was that there have been occasional problems arising from communications from officers, intended as official communications, that have not been clearly dated or documented. She asked for a policy statement concerning this matter, The Board proposed the following statement as a procedural requirement:

M/s/c Carol-Henrik In order to be official, communications from officers of the Society at any level must be dated and signed. The motion was passed unanimously.

The above statement is to be published, and officers notified.

There was some discussion concerning the rigidity or flexibility of the requirement that things to be considered at a Board meeting should have been received by the office no later than one week in advance of the meeting. It was considered that the rule should hold, but that there might be circumstances in which it could be relaxed if necessary (other than obvious emergency situations).

In the matter of the screening and recommendation procedures that the Steward follows for applications for changes of status of branches, it was affirmed that for branches seeking baronial status, the Steward has the authority to approve the advancement, subject to final ratification by the Board of Directors. For any higher levels (Principality, etc.) the approval must come from the Board, and the Steward acts to recommend the change (or not).

- B. Exchequer: Gordon gave a brief verbal report, to the effect that we still have plenty of money, that we are having problems with branches that are not reporting in financially for 1981 (This isn't drastic, as most of them are small shires that aren't in possession of a lot of money, but the Kingdom of An Tir hasn't reported either...), that the quarterly payments to the newsletters are not late, and that he needs to have written information (cost quotes, etc.) to consider the problem of publishing the papers from the Heraldic Symposia.

Gordon was going to send warning letters to the non-reporting branches in an attempt to get the financial information out of them.

Henrik's proposal for producing an historical film about the early days of the SCA was put off for reintroduction at a later time, after the computer system had been purchased, as it was not clear what the relative financial flexibility would be after the system had been acquired,

- C. Registry: Our membership is currently up to 7,000 and keeps growing apace. Concerning the computer system, they are in the process of final selection of components, and Cliveden hopes to have the system on order within 30 days.
- D. Marshal: Phil had sent the copies of the proposed Rule Book, more-or-less final draft, to the Board for review and comment. Also, he and Cliveden were going to get together on an announcement to be put in T.I. advertising for candidates to take over the job of Society Marshal.
- E. Chroniclers: no report
- F. Arts: There was a brief Arts report. At this time discussion was carried on concerning the combining of Arts and Sciences into one entity, an ongoing topic of debate... It was the opinion of the Steward (and others) that the offices could be combined at all levels through attrition (releasing whichever officer's warrant runs out first and simply not appoint replacements when the warrants have expired). The Board decided that Sandra and Cliveden should obtain a response from the Arts and Sciences officers as to whether there should be a union of the offices at the Kingdom and Corporate levels, as well as determine how Arts and Sciences officers consider their offices should best function.
- G. Sciences: there was no report
- H. Heralds: Bill reported that he had been contacted by the office of the Liberal Catholic Church (a mundane denomination) to design a proper heraldic device for their (or one of their?) bishop. Mistress Rebecca of Tywynn has volunteered to do a Society-wide order of precedence (a mind-boggling job). There was

a question from the East as to when an award was official. An award is official when it is given at an official event and formally announced.

I. Chirurgeons: no report.

IV. Routine business:

A. Changes in status: The Steward recommended that the Shire of Vinhold (Napa County and Vallejo, CA) be advanced to baronial status.

M/s/c -/Mike that in concurrence with the recommendation from the Steward, the Shire of Vinhold be elevated to the status of a barony. The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Legal agents: there were none

C. Establishment of next meeting: the possibility of going to weekend meetings was discussed. It was decided for the present to have the June meeting at the regular Tuesday date, June 8, at 7:30. It was also decided to have an extra meeting in June on the 27th (a Sunday) at 1:00, place to be determined later. All materials for the June 27th meeting should be received by the Clerk's office no later than June 17th.

V. Old Business:

A. Corpora Revisions: there were several proposed amendmenrs to clear up the wording on the various actions the Board took over the past year. The Board was reviewing these prior to their being published in T.I. as a sheet to add to existing copies of the Corpora.

The following changes were proposed:

In Article V of the By-Laws:

V.1 add to the end of the paragraph *'except Secretary and Registrar as provided below'*.

V.1.d add *"(deputy Steward)"* after the words "The Vice President". Replace the last sentence (which currently reads "This office may be held by a Deputy Steward, or if vacant, performed by the Secretary") with the following sentence: *"If there is no Vice-President, these duties shall fall upon the Secretary."*

V.1.g Change the first sentence to read "The Registrar is *responsible to* the Secretary as part of the Corporate Business Office.

In the Policy Decision on Legal Agents (Decision #29), dated February 17, 1981:

Delete the final sentence of article 2.

M/s/c Carol-Mike to approve the changes to the By-Laws. The motion was passed unanimously.

M/s/c Carol-Henrik to approve the change to the policy decision on legal agents. The motion was passed unanimously.

M/s/c Henrik-Carol to print the Article of Incorporation along with the revisions. The motion was passed unanimously.

M/s/c Carol-Mike to print the revised preface to the Corpora. The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Laurel's Proposals:

The Board took the following actions concerning the proposals from the Laurel Office.

1. Concerning 'Ministers' as a title of office:

M/s/c Henrik-Carol that Corpora sections IV E and IV F be changed to read :

*"The Minister of Arts: The Minister (Master or Mistress) of Arts is responsible for fostering the development of the historically accurate arts practiced in the Kingdoms, and shall coordinate the efforts of the Kingdom Ministers of Arts. The Minister of Arts is empowered to undertake such publications or other projects as may further these aims and to petition the Board of Directors for financial or other support if required. "*

*"The Minister of Sciences: The Minister (Master or Mistress) of Sciences is responsible for the development of the historically accurate sciences in the various Kingdoms, and shall coordinate the activities of the Ministers of Science of the Kingdoms. The Minister of Sciences is empowered to undertake such publications or other projects as may further these aims, and to petition the Board of Directors for financial or other support if required.*

Further, that all other references to the Master or Mistress of Arts/Sciences that appear in the Corpora shall be changed to reflect the changes above.

The motion was passed unanimously. The reasoning behind this change was that the actual office was that of Minister of Arts or Sciences, but that the individual who held the office could be addressed as Master or Mistress of the office, if so desired.

2. Concerning the establishment of a single Order of Chivalry.:

While the Board did not object to the concept (as it only clarified what was in fact the current practice), there were questions as to the wording of the proposal. Henrik and Mike were asked to come up with an acceptable wording for the proposed change to be presented at the next meeting.

3. Concerning Barons:

M/s/c Mike-Henrik that the title of Baron or Baroness shall carry with it an Award of Arms if the individual is not already armigerous. The motion was passed unanimously.

M/s/c Henrik-Carol that matters considering the various kinds of Baronial rank (Court, Landed, Founding, etc.) including giving Grants of Arms to Barons and Baronesses, should be left to the discretion of the Kingdoms. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Concerning Marquessal rank:

M/s/c Henrik-Mike to reject the proposal to establish the rank of Marquis/Marquessa as a rank of the royal peerages in the Society. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Concerning the Laureate idea:

M/s/c Carol-Mike to table this until the June 8 meeting, to allow ample time for discussing. The motion was passed unanimously. (The hour was very late.)

C. Trends of Change in the SCA: tabled to June 8 meeting.

D. Heimdal Publishing: Shelley Monson reported on the inquiry she had made concerning the value of the Viollet-le-Duc work. She had a letter from Karen Shearer, a PhD candidate in Medieval Art and long-term SCA member, to the effect that the work really had a primarily antiquarian interest and would not be of primary use to the SCA. It was also Shelley's opinion that the project was not a good idea. There was discussion on the issue, and it was agreed that we would still go ahead and prepare an article on the books for T.I. Shelley said that she would like to be able to contribute to the article, and to give a critique of the books. It was agreed that Deborah Bennett, Shelley Monson, and Audrey Aalid would collaborate on the preparation of the article for publication.

E. Fighter's Handbook payment: This was the ongoing problem of rendering to Phil the monies due him from the sale of the Handbook. This has been continually complicated by problems with the recordkeeping by the former Stock Clerk, making it difficult to find the exact figures involved. Phil McDown is to receive 50% of profits (after all expenses of printing have been deducted) from the Fighter's Handbook.

M/s/c Carol-Mike to direct the Chancellor of the Exchequer to pay to Phil McDown the entire amount that is due to him as per the original publishing agreement. The motion was passed unanimously.

- F. Vuong Manh petition concerning the Laurel King of Arms:  
This was tabled until the June 27th meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. Proposal for policy decision: This was a proposed revision of policy decision #20, concerning enforcement of membership requirements for participation in Crown and Coronet Lists. The rewording was drafted and presented by Mike. After much discussion, the following text was adopted:

M/s/c Carol-Henrik that Policy Decision #20, The Enforcement of Membership Requirements for Participation in Crown and Coronet Lists (August 1979), be amended to read as follows:

1. Kingdoms and Principalities will ensure that all competitors in Crown or Coronet Lists are aware of membership requirements for themselves and their prospective consorts at the time they register for participation in the Lists. All competitors shall sign a statement to the effect that they and their prospective consorts meet the requirements for membership. This statement will be kept on file with the Marshal or Mistress of the Lists.
2. An entrant and prospective consort must have been members for three months prior to competition.
3. Violators of membership requirements are subject to dismissal by the Board of Directors, nullification of their official acts, and liable to loss of any honors and privileges deriving from having held the Crown or Coronet.

The motion was passed unanimously, the policy to take effect on October 1, 1982.

- B. Proposal for SCA film: this was discussed in the Exchequer's report.
- C. The communication from Sandy McDaniel to Mike Woodford, concerning a proposal for membership requirements: this was tabled until the June 8th meeting.
- D. Review of the procedures for the suspension of Great Officers: this was tabled to the June 8 meeting.

VII. Communications:

- A. Lee Burwasser: this was a letter concerning the material that this individual had released to David McGlone's library project, stating that she would not allow the material to be released to the official library.

M/s/c Carol-Henrik to remand the letter to the Secretary

for a response, indicating that there had been a misunderstanding on the part of the correspondant, and that there was in fact no "proposed raid" on David McGlone's library.

The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Letters on Laurel's proposals received as of April 29, 1982:

See attached list

C. Letters on change to the Rules of the Lists received as of April 29, 1982

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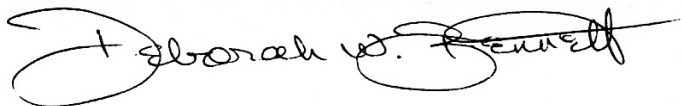
VIII. Executive session: an executive session was held, there were no announcements

IX. Summary and dissemination: this was not necessary, as the Steward was present.

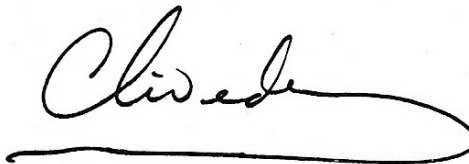
The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 A.M.

By my hand for the Corporate Secretary,

Deborah W. Bennett  
Clerk *quondam et futurus*



Cliveden Chew Haas  
Corporate Secretary



Letters on Laurel's proposals received as of April 29, 1982.

Lord Thorbjorn Wulfgrimmsonr, Baroness Zan Andreas of the Blue Cave  
Louise of Woodsholme  
Gerekr fjarsjandi Rognvaldsson  
Morghen of York  
Bill and Nadine Colbert  
Lord Zoren Uff Eiren  
Baldwin of Erebor  
Aelfwynn Gyrthesdohtor  
Lord Regin Bran Haraldsson  
Serina Vigdis Wolfsdatter

Letters on Change to Rules of the Lists received as of April 29, 1982.

Jarl Sir Sigmund the Wingfooted and Jarlinde Sieglinde Syr  
(Ronald and Nancy Goforth)