

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.  
Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 1980

Board members present:

Dave Thewlis  
John Trimble  
Rhea Stone III  
Tracie Brown

Staff Members present:

Deborah W. Bennett, Clerk

Others Present:

David Friedman  
Fred Hendrick  
Kathleen Norvell  
Walt Reimann  
Bjo Trimble

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30:27 at the house of John Trimble

- I. Establishing the agenda: The agenda was approved with the addition of item VI C, Frederick of Woodlyn, moving the Atlantia topic to item VI D and adding one more letter to the correspondence received on that issue, to be numbered VI.D.14.

M/s/c Dave-Tracie to approve the agenda with the above amendments. The motion was passed unanimously.

- II. Approval of minutes: It was noted that the minutes for the October meeting had been approved.

III. Reports

- A. Steward's Report: Cathal, after revising reporting procedures for the Kingdom Seneschales, had received information from four Kingdoms. Meridies is generally well, with the exception of a dispute in the Region of Trimaris over their petition for Principality status, and the unfortunate events in the Barony of the Grey Niche which saw mundane interlopers make off with a large quantity of money and equipment at an event. The Kingdom is instituting an active Constabulary as a result. Ansteorra is quiet and prospering. The Seneschal is anticipating a new edition of the Kingdom Laws, and there is a motion to see about uniting the Offices of Arts and Sciences in a manner similar to that of Atenveldt. In Atenveldt Kingdom law is being revised to bring it into agreement with Corpora requirements. In general the Kingdom is thriving, with a very successful Arts and Sciences Faire held in the Outlands. Duchess Leah will be resigning her office in January and returning it to Mistress Aelflaed. In the Middle Kingdom, Master Rory has divided the realm into subgroups for the purposes of reporting and this scheme is working well. The Region of Calontir has petitioned for Principality status, but the petition has been declined by the Crown pending evidence of sufficient financial activity and responsibility to be certain of meeting mundane legal requirements.

Cathal notes that since he has not received Domesday reports from the West, East, and Caid for the preceding calendar year, he can only assume that there was no activity, and thus that individuals cannot make valid claims for SCA-related activities

on their personal income tax, and he is advising the Chancellor of the Exchequer to so note if approached for confirmation by the IRS.

M/s/c Stone-Tracie to direct the Steward to copy the Crowns and their successors in the affected Kingdoms on the letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The motion was passed unanimously.

M/s/c Dave-Tracie to receive the Steward's report. The motion was passed unanimously.

- B. Chancellor of the Exchequer's Report: A brief written report indicated continued prosperity and nothing unusual.

M/s/c Tracie-Stone that the Chancellor of the Exchequer be authorized to forward \$1947.53 to the editor of T.I., Friar Bertram, for the word processor, service contract, and other related expenses.

The motion was passed unanimously.

M/s/c Dave-Tracie to receive the report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

- C. Registry Report: A concise note from Cliveden indicated the following; membership continues to grow each month; the programming for Atlantia as a separate Kingdom (code Q) is done and will appear with the January labels; members in Alberta have been transferred to the West, and Las Vegas to Caid; there has still been no authorization concerning the transfer of Hawaii to Caid, and the status of Fayetteville Arkansas is still unclear (they say they belong to the Middle) - she would like these two matters cleared up; the old Post Office Box in Los Altos still gets about 30 pieces of mail a month, which is sporadically forwarded by the ex-member who rents the box - a similar problem will occur when the Registry moves in the spring; since we are now approaching the 5,000 member mark, she recommends that the committee to investigate the feasibility of the SCA buying its own computer equipment be reactivated.

M/s/c Dave-Stone to remand the question of the status of Hawaii and Fayetteville to the Steward for action. The motion was passed unanimously.

Further information on Hawaii indicated that the Seneschales of the West and Caid had agreed to the transfer but the matter was never referred to the Steward.

M/s/c Stone-Dave that the question of computer equipment and the investigating committee be put under active Old Business at the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

- D. Committee of the Whole Report: since the CoW has not met since the Corpora revision, the following was passed...

M/s/c Dave-Tracie to strike the Committee of the Whole as an entry in the routine reporting section . The motion was passed unanimously.

- E. Marshal's Report: The Clerk gave a verbal report she received from Phil. Concerning the Fighter's Handbook, the text was received by Multi-Print on Nov. 27. They had called him the day before the BoD meeting, but he had been out, so he did not have any reports as to actual cost etc. He wanted to know what the financing arrangements were from this end, and also wished to know about contacting the Chronicler so that ads could be put in T.I. and the Kingdom newsletters as soon as it was certain the book was going to press.

Concerning insurance, he had contacted Dennis with no particular results. So far he had received no answer to the letter he had written the insurance agent that had been contacted previously. Phil said the new Earl Marshal in Atenveldt also had a lead on another agent and would like official authorization to carry on negotiations if the board so desired.

Phil said he had gotten lots of responses to the proposed Rule Book and he felt that he could now begin to make it a reasonable consensus. He was hoping to have the final draft compiled in January, with a copy to the Board for approval in February; if not then, at the April meeting.

Finally, concerning the proposal from Caid on a category for fighters who are minors, he said that the spirit of it was admirable, but if it were to be applied on an SCA-wide basis there would be a number of problems, not the least of which would be the administrative headache of having to have waivers, parental consent forms and insurance matters under very strict control at every event. There were additional problems with liability as well. He said that the idea has a great deal of merit, but it is not workable as proposed because of the mechanics of it. He recommended that the Board hand it back to Caid to do whatever they wanted with it, but added for a start, if Caid wanted to try it out there, he would like to see much heavier safety standards imposed.

M/s/c Dave-Tracie to authorize Gordon to pay the necessary monies for the Fighter's Handbook to be printed, delivered, etc. The motion was passed unanimously.

John said that he would take on the job of interacting with Phil concerning insurance, and would have some kind of report at the next meeting.

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

F. Chronieler's Report: Varg reports that he is in need of finding a successor, as Tamera is definitely not going to resume the office . He notes that the KWH, in its second printing, would probably do well to have the cover price raised to \$8 as that would assist the Kingdom newsletters and T.I. with their funding. Also he said that since the profits from the sale of the KWH were to be in large part distributed to T.I. and the newsletters, it would be nice to have an accounting of the available funds and a distribution of some of same. He is polling the Chronielers as to the funds they need , so as to make some recommendations concerning increased stipends for the newsletters. In general all the newsletters are functional and well , though they' all need more money. There are no particular complaints or problems at present in the office. He is concerned, however, about the Board minutes running late, and wants to know if there is some way to expedite their production/mailing.

M/s/c Dave-Tracie to authorize the Clerk to phone the members of the Board no more than 7 days after mailing copies of the minutes for approval, and further, to authorize verbal approval of the minutes as long as no substantive changes need to be made.

The motion was passed unanimously. This will, one hopes, help alleviate one factor in the time lag involved in getting the minutes out. The process was very efficient when the Board met twice a month and minutes could be approved within two weeks of the original meeting. With the Board meeting every other month, minutes must be approved by mail, since formal approval is in fact necessary. The two major delay factors are thus the length of time after the meeting that the Clerk types the minutes to be sent out for approval, and the length of time it takes for that approval to be received.

In the matter of a new Chronieler, the current editor of T.I. had indicated that if necessary he would take over the job, but he, as well as the Board, really feels that the two jobs should be kept separate. In the matter of the price of the KWH it was pointed out that raising the price to \$8 would also allow us to give a standard discount price to bookstores.

M/s/c Dave-Stone to authorize the National Chronieler to raise the cover price of the revised edition of the Known World Handboke to \$8.

The motion was passed unanimously.

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

G. Arts report --none

H. Sciences Report --none

- I. College of Arms: The copy of Wilhelm's November letter to the College included the beginnings of a list of peerage terms in all the relevant languages he could think of. This particular set included Estonian, Greek, Russian, Turkish, French, Italian, Spanish, Latin, Dutch, Welsh, Polish, Danish, Norse, and German. He will publish the various lists in T.I. when they are complete. He is also going to institute periodic questionnaires to those persons who work under a Principal Herald, to get feedback on-how that Principal Herald is doing in office, This is designed to be passed on to the Principal Heralds as feedback concerning how they are doing in their respective Kingdoms.

In the matter of Knights Bachelor and Knights Bannaret in the Kingdom of Meridies, the problem has been satisfactorily resolved. It seems that it had been instituted as a Kingdom custom in part because the King was under some misapprehension that the Board was going to be requiring it in the future. The division in the ranks of Knights had originally been made in that Kingdom to accomodate a particular individual and had never been intended to be a general rule in the Kingdom. Thus the problem was apparent rather than real, and was cleared up with better communication.

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

- J. Chirurgeon's report: this involved the Chirurgeon's Handbook which appears under Old Business.

#### IV. Routine Business

- A. Changes in Status: In the Steward's report he passed on the recommendation that the Shire of V'tavia (Wichita, KS) be elevated to the status of a Barony.

M/s/c Dave-Stone to approve the elevation in status of V'tavia from Shire to Barony pending membership counts from the Registry.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- B. Legal Agents: Stephen P. Gaddis was proposed as the legal agent for the State of Nevada.'

M/s/c Tracie-Dave to approve Stephen Gaddis as legal agent for Nevada. The motion was passed unanimously.

- C. Establishment of next meeting: the next meeting will be held the third Tuesday of February (the 17th) in Sacramento at Stone's house.

#### V. Old Business

- A. Revision of Board structure, Central Office, Etc.: no action was taken on this.

- B. Insurance: this was dealt with under the Marshal's report
- C. Policy decision on Legal Agents: Stone had not drafted one, so it was remanded to the next meeting.
- D. Status of Fighter's Handbook: this was discussed in the Marshal's report
- E. Status of the revised Revised Corpora: This is currently in John's hands. The negatives are done at this time. He is going to try to get it published in an 8 1/2 x 11 looseleaf format, bound for mailing but with three holes punched in it. This way updates can be issued as separate sheets, and the Stock Clerk can keep both original text and revision pages.

M/s/c Dave-Stone to authorize the Chancellor of the Exchequer to disburse funds to John in advance for the printing of the Corpora, such monies not to exceed \$1500. The motion was passed unanimously.

- F. Chirurgeon's Handbook: Bohemund had proposed two additions to the handbook, as follows:

II. Blazon: After the existing text add ";this blazon will supersede all previously approved Kingdom and local medical blazons ans shall be used in their place."

XIV.E. First Aid Kit: add: "The contents of a Chirurgeon's First Aid Kit will ONLY be regulated according to the mundane medical standards of the appropriate state/province and applicable federal regulations.

After discussion the Board suggested that the words "in their place" be dropped from the first addition. It seems that in some places, notably Meridies, there is some resistance to replacing the current badge with the national badge. The Board felt that it should be clear that the national badge should be used for consistency in identification nationally, but that a Kingdom or other group could also use their own insignia in addition to the national blazon (but very definitely not in place of...). It was felt that this change of wording would allow that option more clearly.

M/s/c Stone-Dave to accept the Chirurgeon's Handbook with the additions as amended by the Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board also requested Bohemund to have a clam discussion with Meridies and tell them that they can keep on using their Kingdom blazon as long as they use the national one too.

## VI. New Business

- A. T.I. word processor: The money for this was voted earlier in the evening. The issue is that the editors of T.I. had the opportunity to buy a good, used, small word-processor which would help the process of putting T.I. out both on time and in style.

Since T.I. is typeset in Texas and the editors are in Chicago, there is a great advantage to the editors having a machine on which they can do small articles to fill out an issue, tables of contents, letters, etc. without having to send all that to Austin and back. There is a saving of several weeks of time in the publishing schedule in this way. The Board had approved the proposal to buy the machine outright, rather than loaning the editors the money to buy it.

- B. Post Office - Business Office location for T.I.: In yet another contretemps with the Post Office, we were handed the problem that we must by Postal regulations, have an actual street location/office where the records of publication for T.I. are kept, and where regular SCA business is carried on. The SCA has no central office, of course. The kinds of records the Post Office is interested in are in existence at the Registrar's house, and the Chronicler's house, some in each. Theoretically, since our publication entry point is Berkeley, we need an office in Berkeley with all these records in it. Alternatively, we could designate the Chronicler's Office, or the Registrar's Office as the location of the records, but that would entail changing our statement of original point of entry, which means paying a \$30 fee. This problem has always been present, but they are making an issue out of it now because next year T.I. is due for a regular audit of records by the Post Office and we have to have them available. As usual, noncompliance or nonconformity with the regulations means loss of mailing permit.

Dave received this particular communication and had been researching the solutions (as stated above) and recommended that we move the point of entry to Concord, and then have the editors of T.I. and the Chronicler send Cliveden the necessary records from their offices.

M/s/c Dave-Stone that 1.) the official Office of Publication of Tournaments Illuminated be established as the working office of the Registrar; 2) that the Chronicler and the editors of T.I. be instructed to forward all necessary records of publication to the Registrar; 3) that Postal Service form 3510 changing the original office of publication be filed at the Post Office changing the original point of entry to Concord; 4) that Dave be authorized to deal with the matter, and that the Chancellor of the Exchequer be authorized to pay-the refiling fee.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- C. Frederick of Woodlyn: This gentleman appeared before the Board to propose the idea of a possible national SCA event to celebrate A.S. XX. He said that he has heard the idea mentioned in several Kingdoms, and thinks that it would be a good idea to at least solicit opinions and ideas concerning the possibility. What he wished from the Board was an official authorization of some sort, approval of the principle, etc.

He thought that setting up an interim committee for six months to investigate, gather information and comments, recommend a national committee (with representation from all Kingdoms), gather volunteers and services, etc., at the end of which time a formal recommendation could be made to the Board.

M/s/c Dave-Tracie that the Board of Directors favors in principle the concept of a Society-wide event during and in celebration of A.S. XX and appoints Woody Hendrick as chairman of an interim committee to prepare a charter for a standing committee to plan for and investigate the possibilities for such an event, the charter to be presented to the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- D. Atlantia: This was concerning the brouhaha over Michael of Bedford, current King of the East, entering and winning the first Crown List for Atlantia. There were fourteen letters (and various phone calls) received about the matter. There were queries as to whether he was in violation of the Corpora, in spirit if not technically in the wording of the regulations. There was feeling that he could not do justice to both realms in such a short space of time with the overlap of offices, and many of the Great Officers in Atlantia were considering resigning over the issue, which would make the transition to Kingdom status rather awkward to say the least. Others felt that he had not acted honorably in the matter in that he had acted against the wishes of his peers. Some other persons noted, however, that he was probably the best candidate for the Crown of all the people who entered the lists and the results could have been worse, after all.

The general questions before the Board were a) had Michael in fact violated Corpora b) should anything be done about the results of the lists (such as declaring them null) c) if there was in fact no violation of Corpora, it still remained that there was a loophole in the matter of incipient Kingdoms and could it be closed so this problem would not recur.

After much deliberation, review of the provisions of the Corpora and the Laws of the East, the Board moved the following:

M/s/c Tracie-Stone Having examined the By-laws and Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. and the relevant portions of the laws of the Kingdom of the East and the Principality of Atlantia, the Board of Directors does not find that the King of the East acted contrary to law in competing for the Crown of Atlantia as long as the Atlantian coronation happens after his successor is crowned as King of the East.

The Board of Directors does not feel that it is its prerogative to comment upon the judgement of His Majesty's decision to compete, or the consequences of his doing so.

The motion was passed with Dave abstaining.

M/s/c Stone-Tracie to receive all the letters written to the Board concerning this issue. The motion was passed unanimously.

- E. The Prince of the Mists: this was a written proposal for a possible six-fold Coronet List, where the candidates would compete in fighting, chess, heraldry, music, dance and literature. His Highness was in the process of soliciting responses from the populace of the Mists as to the feasibility of the idea, potential problems, advice, etc., with a decision to be made by him in mid-February as to whether it would be tried. Such a list is in violation of the Corpora, and what he was requesting was a one-shot exemption from Corpora to try it out and see how it works, if the populace is in favor.

M/s/c Tracie-Stone to place the matter on Old Business for the next meeting, pending the decision by Prince William,

The motion was passed unanimously.

#### VII. Communications

- A. Daniel of Shadygrove: This was from the College of St. Bunstable, in Seattle, wondering if they could, in maintaining their college status but with ever-increasing populace, institute the office of Lord High Chancellor as the ceremonial head of the group, ennobling the office of the leader rather than the leader.

M/s/c Dave-Stone to remand the letter to the Laurel King of Arms, the Steward, and the Prince and Seneschal of An Tir as the issues are entirely Medieval in nature.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- B. Donald Saxman: This was concerning the interpretation of the "dress and conduct" clause of the Corpora. It was remanded to Dave to answer.
- C. Edward of Kent: Another letter on the interpretation of the "dress and conduct" clause, it was also remanded to Dave.
- D. Patrick Smith: This was a notice to the Board of his resignation of Knighthood, as well as from his other awards, as a matter of personal honor. Henrik had requested that the Board not act on this letter until he had a talk with the gentleman about it. The Board moved to put it into communications for the next meeting.
- E. Däwyd von Markheim: This was his regular communication concerning the library project and its current progress.

M/s/c Dave-Stone to receive. The motion was passed unanimously.

- F. Leah Fisher: This was a large packet of information on the

Middle Kingdom School of the Zenith for Pages, giving its organization, curriculum, etc. It was sent for informational purposes to the Board.

M/s/c Tracie-Dave to receive it with admiration. The motion was passed unanimously.

- G. Baldwin of Erebor: This was information concerning the resignation from Knighthood of one Daniel the Executioner in Atenveldt, in accordance with the requirement that such resignations be made in writing.

M/s/c Stone-Dave to receive the letter and note in the minutes that the Board recognizes the resignation of Daniel the Executioner from the Order of Knighthood. The motion was passed unanimously.

- H. Lindsey Nuttall: This was a notice to the Board of Directors of the intended resignation of the Baroness of Draconia in the Kingdom of Meridies.

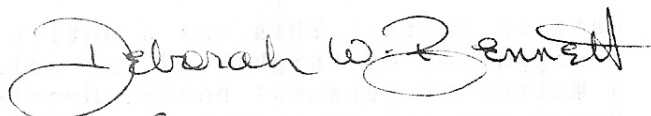
M/s/c Stone-Dave to receive the letter and refer it to the Crown of Meridies. The motion was passed unanimously.

- I. Leah Fisher: This was a list of the current branches in Atenveldt, along with their Seneschales, as well as a copy of the changes to Kingdom law being made concerning the succession and failure of the monarchy.

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

VIII. Executive Session: one was held but there were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47:30. This was Dave's final meeting, as his term on the Board was ended. The Board of Directors thanked him profusely for all the service he has rendered to them (and the Society) for the past three years.



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