

# Imperial Estates Meeting Agenda

## November 19, 2011

Results are stated below the original item. Sovereign votes are noted as, “(Galandor X / Vega X)”. If there were any amendments to the item, they are changed and highlighted in the item itself.

### I. Roll Call - 11:04 am MST

- A. Members of the Board of Directors (1 vote each)
  - 1. President- David Reines - Present
  - 2. Vice President- Judy Dodge - Present
  - 3. Treasurer- Jon Green - Present
  - 4. Secretary- (Vacant)
  - 5. Sergeant at Arms- (Vacant)
- B. Members of the Imperial Estates (1 vote each)
  - 6. Lady Dame Emlyn Vigamor Enke Ulfgud - Proxy
  - 7. Contessa Dame Chimera the Cleric - Present
  - 8. Earl Sir Vladimir Tolos - Present
  - 9. Baroness Dame Kyrie McKay - Present
  - 10. Baroness Dame Ginevra Della Cascata - Absent
  - 11. Lord Sir Otto der Bear - Present
  - 12. al-Amir al-Faris Mikhail ibn Abdullah al-Nur-al-Din - Present
  - 13. Viscount Sir Reinhardt von Konrad - Proxy
  - 14. Lord Sir Paul de Marseilles - Present
  - 15. Baroness Dame Isabeau Needlemyer - Absent
  - 16. Lord Sir Richard “Rabbit” Kirk - Present
  - 17. Baron Sir Dae Nadel von Wehrmacht - Present
  - 18. Dame Valdis - Present
  - 19. Sir Ian Michael Pact - Present
- C. Royal Estates (3 votes each)
  - 18. Crown of Galandor - Present
  - 19. Crown of Vega – Present

21 votes present, 2 absent. 2/3<sup>rd</sup> is 14 votes and 50% + 1 is 11

### II. Officer Reports

- A. Arts and Sciences - Absent
- B. Combat – The testing that Vega is doing that was mentioned last year has been intermittent. There have been no other incidents or items of note happening.
- C. Exchequer – Numbers run from 1 November 2010 to 1 November 2011
  - \$12,128.48 – starting balance
  - +\$4,993.75 – additions
  - \$5,087.78) – subtractions
  - \$12,034.45 – ending balance
  - \$94.03) – net change

There have been good and consistent officer reports, however he emphasizes the need for electronic receipts.

- D. Rolls – Mynwyn, as the next officer, has taken possession of the membership cards and the database. The current rolls officer will continue to update the database until she familiarizes herself with it and takes over completely. Per discussion, membership cards will be sent out to new members who haven't had one. All other cards will be sent out with renewals in March.
- E. Sovereign of Arms – 3 submissions have been ok'd in the last year. There haven't been any new submissions recently
- F. Webminister - Absent

### III. Old Business

- A. **There is no old business.**

### IV. New Business

- A. **Vote on New Officers** – all letters attached at end of agenda
  - 1. Arts and Sciences – No letters received
  - 2. Combat – Letter received from Earl Sir Vladimir Tolos
  - 3. Exchequer – Letter received from Lord Sir Lassidor Vandolini
  - 4. Rolls – Letter received from Viscountess Dame Mynwyn verch Gruffydd
  - 5. Sovereign of Arms – Letter received from CLD Chimera the Cleric
  - 6. Web Minister – No letter received

All letters were unanimously accepted.

- D. **Add the following to the Imperial Manual of Combat, Section IV.B.i.3:**

A padded gambeson or (pre-approved) equivalent. This gambeson is to be made of a minimum of two layers of cotton batting and covered by heavy broadcloth. Commercially available fencing jackets meeting Olympic fencing standards are also acceptable. **Females are required to have an additional 2 layers of padding (or pre-approved equivalent) extending over the entire breast area.** NOTE: If the gambeson is of sufficient padding and coverage, elbow and possibly kneepads may not be required. Please speak to the Crown Marshal/Constable or their duly authorized representatives to get final approval.

The Marshals shall allow ~~sufficient time~~ **one year** for gambesons to be made or retrofitted before enforcing this new rule.

**Reasoning:** Female breasts are almost as susceptible as male genitalia to serious harm. The thrusts allowed in rapier increase the likelihood of injury. The additional padding is easy to add, even to existing gambesons and will help reduce this problem.

Submitted by: Mynwyn verch Gruffydd, Imperial Minister of Combat

Passed (Galandor Yes/Vega Yes) 17 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain. The above changes were put in by the submitter. It was felt by many that the change would make the item more consistent with the rest of the Manual.

**D. Add the following to the Imperial Manual of Combat, section V.B.i.3.b.iv:**

- iv. Torso armour shall overlap with arm armour. If it does not, separate shoulders matching minimum upper arm requirements are required.

**Reasoning:** It has recently come to my attention that while the IMoC states that “extra care should be given to the protection of the shoulders” (V.B.i.3.a), shoulders are not expressly required to be armoured. Shoulders are especially vulnerable to the thin edge of a steel sword, no matter how well wielded, and that doesn’t even take into account the possibility of accident. I believe that this follows the original intent of the rules, just clearly states it.

Submitted by: Mynwyn verch Gruffydd, Imperial Minister of Combat

Passed (Galandor Yes/Vega Yes) 20 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain.

**E. Modify the LI starting with V.C.3 as follows:** – unaffected sections are not listed

3. Kingdom

A Kingdom is considered a Landed Estates within the Empire therefore only a. and b. from above apply. A new Kingdom must have the permission of the Kingdom that it resides in and the Imperial Estates to form.

- a. King or Queen-Sovereign Crown of a Kingdom, defined as at least 125 paid members **or 10 years of continuous membership and 7 knights with a minimum of 2 knights in each area and 2 Imperial Knights in any area**, in a geographically specific region set by the Imperial Estates.

4. Landed Estates of Kingdoms and subject Territories

Are defined as Estates within a Kingdom that hold voting power on one or more Estates based on numbers of people represented as noted below.

- a. Prince or Princess – Subject Crown of a Principality, defined as a geographically specific region within a Kingdom as defined by the Crown Estates of that Kingdom and containing at least 75 paid members over and above the numbers needed to maintain a Kingdom **or 7 years of continuous membership and at least 6 Knights with at least 2 Knights in Ministry and Arts, 1 in Combat and 1 Imperial Knight in Ministry.**
- b. Duke or Duchess -Ruler of a Duchy, which is defined as a geographically distinct region within a Kingdom or Principality containing at least 50 paid members **or a minimum of 4 years of continuous membership and at least 4 knights with at least 1 knight each in Ministry and Arts.**
- c. Marquis or Marquessa - Ruler of a March, defined as a geographically distinct Territory within the boundaries of a Kingdom

(as defined by the imperial estates) and consisting of at least 25 paid members in residence or a minimum of 2 years of continuous membership and 2 knights with at least 1 in Ministry.

**Reasoning:** I feel this would help the outlying territories achieve advancement in Kingdom status while making sure that they have the rulers and experience to govern accordingly.

Submitted by Baroness Dame Kyrie Mckay

Tabled (Galador No/Vega Yes) 10 yes, 8 no, 3 abstain. It was felt that, while something needs doing about the requirements of membership numbers, this proposal was poorly worded and would have to many changes needed to properly address during the time frame of the meeting. The original submitter has agreed to spearhead an Empire wide effort to create an acceptable solution to the issue.

**F. Change Section V.B.8 of the LI to the following:**

8. In the event that a member holds multiple voting privileges in the Imperial Estates due to elected position, rank, past service or Crown, the member shall be limited to only voting in a single capacity; all others are forfeit.
  - a. This does not preclude the member from holding another member's proxy.
  - b. A Sovereign position must be the predominant position and anyone holding multiple votes must forfeit all save the Sovereign Position and vote for the duration of holding the Sovereign Position.
  - c. If a co-sovereign also holds a Board position, they must exercise the Board Vote and the other Co-Sovereign must exercise the Sovereign vote.

**Reasoning:** The kingdom whose ruler is also a board member should not be punished because of it. Also, with our decreased membership it is harder and harder to find people willing to step up to the plate as it were. Since the term of service of sovereigns doesn't coincide with the BOD it is possible and likely with a few example to date of overlap and IMHO the kingdom should take precedence during the IE meetings.

Submitted by: Lassidor Vandolini

Pulled by submitter. It was pointed out that the proposal is against mundane law and the bylaws of incorporation of the Empire.

**G. Change Section III.C.1.d to read:**

- d. The meeting time and complete agenda shall be published at least 45 days in advance of the meeting.

**Reasoning:** Now that internet use is so widespread, it doesn't take as long for everyone to read, debate and decide about the agenda. I think 60 days is unnecessarily long and just drags things out. I'm willing to entertain other day limits, but I think 60 days are too long.

Submitted by: Mynwyn verch Gruffydd

Failed (Galador Yes/Vega No) 10 yes, 8 no, 3 abstain. Outlying territories believed that the shorter time frame didn't give them sufficient time to discuss the agenda with their territory before having to inform the Kingdom of their wishes. Also, those who don't mainline the internet wanted more time for in-person discussion of the items.

#### H. Award ministry projects for those Members of the Board of Directors who have served their full terms of Office.

**Reasoning:** Members of the Board of Directors are responsible for the operation of the corporation in the mundane world. They frequently work hard and without any compensation. Their work is critical to the continued operation of the game. They should be given the opportunity for acknowledgment by the Imperial Estates.

Submitted by: Lord Sir Paul de Marseilles

This item was split into 3 parts by the submitter – one covering each BoD member eligible.

H-1: Dave Reines – Passed (Galador Abstain/Vega Yes) 13 yes, 1 no, 7 abstain.

H-2: Judy Dodge – Passed (Galador Yes/Vega Yes) 20 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.

H-3: Jon Green – Passed (Galador Yes/ Vega yes) 18 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain.

#### I. Appeal of Decision of Imperial Knights

Unto the Empire,

I, Lassidor Vandolini KBn, do hereby appeal the decision of the Imperial peer circle concerning my non-elevation to K3. I requested the circle on 17 Aug 2010. In Jan 2011 (well past the 60 day limit) I finally tracked down a K3 to get an answer and was verbally told no without any reasons given. I have never received anything in writing from the peerage. I am asking for this to be evaluated by the Imperial Estates. Copied below is the letter to the Imperial Peers:

The latest published points, from the April 2010 Sword of Vega, for me are:

##### Combat

Shinai	Rapier	Steel	Total	War	KL's	Classes
1021	893	725	2639	1269	11	5

##### Ministry

Regular	Feast	War	Total	F&W	MP's	Classes
900	58	421	1379	479	2	2

##### Arts

Regular	War	Total	MW's	Classes
63	264	327	0	1

In the field of Combat, these are the second highest point totals in the Kingdom of Vega only behind Sir Vladimir. If my memory serves the knightly list are split 6 in rapier and 5 in hard suit. With the exception of Sir Reinhardt, the various list were won in tourneys that included at one time or another all the current high-ranking Knight Combatants of Empire. Over the years, I have had 4 squires all of which later became either Knight Combatants or Knight Ministers, sometimes both.

Out of the field of combat, I have dabbled in the arts and been an active minister. In 2003, I won the arts tourney at Banner War. Over the years I have been house lord for two different houses for a total of about 8 years and Baron for about 8 months. I have served the Kingdom of Vega as Chronicler, Rolls and List, Deputy Combat Marshal, and Exchequer. I have served the Empire and Imperial Chronicler, Imperial Exchequer, BoD Vice President, BoD. Treasurer, and BoD. Sergeant at Arms.

Submitted by: Lassidor Vandolini

Passed (Galador Yes/Vega Yes) 13 yes, 4 no, 4 abstain. Sir Lassidor Vandolini will be admitted to the Imperial Peerage. No clear-cut reasons were given and no corrective actions were provided. There was some discussion of corrective actions, but none were specified. His sponsor should try and find out the specifics to tell him.

## V. Discussions

- G. Galador Forum – The Galador forum has been down for some time because the server lost all the info. A new basic forum is now up but is starting from scratch. Everyone will have to re-register.
- H. Imperial Website – The Imperial Webminister has been absent for a while. An effort will be made to contact her to get the password information for the website. Dame Valdis has volunteered to be Imperial Webminister for the next term. After she gets the passwords, she'll pass them along to Judy Dodge as the incoming President of the BoD so that more than 1 person has them.
- I. The Board of Directors – Only 1 letter apiece was submitted for President, Secretary and Treasurer so there's no need for an election. Unofficially, Judy Dodge has talked to Sir Adon and Sir Christoph and they are willing to take the positions of Vice President and Sergeant at Arms respectively. She will contact them to get official letters of intent.
- J. Empty Officer Slots – Judy Dodge also unofficially talked to Dame Valdis and Dame Ailean. Dame Ailean has agreed to continue as Arts and Dame Valdis has agreed to take over Webminister. They just need submit official letters so that everything is kosher.

## VI. Adjournment – 1:04 pm MST

### Appendix – Letters of Intent for Imperial Officers

Combat

Greetings to all:

I Earl Sir Vladimir Tolos Knight Champion, Knight Civil, Craftsman in Arts, Lord of the Empire, Knight Commander Order of St Michael Cithara, Order of the Star of Vega, Order of the Sun of Vega, Order of the Sovereign's Gratitude, Order of Sophia.

Do offer my service as Imperial Minster of Combat for the coming term, after a lot of decision on the matter of the ECS with my wife and friends, I have decided to help out with the running of the Empire. As A Knight Champion I am knowable about and interested in promoting combat throughout the Empire.

In service,

Vlad

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## Exchequer

Greetings unto the members of the ECS,

I, Jon Green, aka Lord Sir Lassidor Vandolini would like to serve as the next Imperial Exchequer. I am familiar with all the requirements of the job and all the important dates for the ECS inc, financially speaking. I have served the last two years in this post and would like to continue serving the Empire.

Lord Sir Lassidor Vandolini Kbn LoC of Vega

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## Rolls

I, Mynwyn verch Gruffydd, do put forward my letter of intent for the office of Rolls. I have the required program and experience and would like to help the Empire in this way.

Mynwyn verch Gruffydd  
(insert titles here)

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## Sovereign of Arms

I, CLD Chimera the Cleric, wish to continue my service as Imperial Sovereign of Arms. I feel I work well with everybody from all the Kingdoms and try to complete my duties in a timely manner. I am retired and do have the time to perform my duties. I also enjoy teaching folks about heraldry. I have several resources at my disposal including, but not limited to books and the internet.

CLD Chimera the Cleric, KP...and all them other titles