

Minutes of the Imperial Estates Meeting-2013

Meeting Conducted on January 12, 2013

I. ROLL CALL

A. **Members of the Board of Directors**

1. **President:** Judy Dodge **(Present);**
2. **Vice President:** Adam Barnhizer **(Present);**
3. **Treasurer:** Jon Green **(Present);**
4. **Secretary:** Stacy Diegel **(Present);** and
5. **Sergeant of Arms:** Justin Aschcraft **(Proxy).**

B. **Members of the Imperial Estates**

1. **Kingdom of Galandor:** HRM Sir Kheldar **(Present);**
2. **Kingdom of Vega:** Lady Dame Megana Vite **(Present);**
3. **Imperial Peer:** Dame Emlyn Vigamor Enke Ulfhud **(Absent);**
4. **Imperial Peer:** Dame Ginevra della Cascata **(Absent);**
5. **Imperial Peer:** Contessa Dame Chimera **(Present);**
6. **Imperial Peer:** Baroness Dame Kyrie Mc Kay **(Present);**
7. **Imperial Peer:** Earl Sir Vladimir Tolos **(Present);**
8. **Imperial Peer:** Baron Sir Otto de Bear **(Present);**
8. **Imperial Peer:** Al-Amir al-Faris Mikha'il Ibn 'Abdullah al-Nur al-Din **(Proxy);**
9. **Imperial Peer:** Baron Sir Paul de Marseilles **(Present);**
10. **Imperial Peer:** Baroness Dame Isabeau Needlemyer **(Absent);**
11. **Imperial Peer:** Lord Sir Richard "Rabbit" Kirk **(Absent);**
12. **Imperial Peer:** Baron Sir Dae Nadel von Wermacht **(Present);**
13. **Imperial Peer:** Contessa Dame Valdis Hertogafu **(Present);**
14. **Imperial Peer:** Earl Sir Ian Michael Pact **(Present);**

15. **Imperial Peer:** Lord Sir Adon von Hesser **(Present)**.

16. **Imperial Peer:** Duke Sir Lassidor Vandolini **(Present)**;

C. Quorum

Quorum was met for this Imperial Estates Meeting.

II. OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Arts and Sciences-Things have been progressing well this year.

B. Combat-There has been no report of any problems within any of the Territories. There has been some new weapon testing in both Vega and Galandor with mixed results.

C. Exchequer-Our starting balance in the account was \$12,034.45 with an ending balance of \$11,047.68. There was a total receipt of \$4,212.50 with total withdrawals of \$5,212.22. Our operating costs are down very slightly from last year due to a small decrease in the cost of insurance. However, our income is down drastically due to the drop in renewing memberships. We can continue this trend for about five more years before it becomes an operating issue. I recommend no change to our dues structure at this time.

D. Rolls-Membership cards have been sent out to current members in the Kingdom of Galandor. Membership cards will be sent out for the Kingdom of Vega upon receipt of a listing of current members.

E. Sovereign of Arms-I have received several submissions over the last year and are still working through the submissions. There have been no significant problems this year.

F. Webminister-The Imperial website is back up and running. I am still working on ensuring that everyone has access to the site. I would like to have photographs of our members on the Imperial website. Please forward photos to me for inclusion on the site.

III. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal No. 1: Proposal for on-line memberships

Submitter: Markiz Sir Fredric de Gova, Markiz of Capella, Chronicler of Vega

Body of Proposal: I would like to propose that the Empire implement an automated membership renewal system where money can be collected using Paypal, credit cards or EFT. This would be in

addition to the current paper system that could still be used by those that do not like on-line systems. This should speed up the renewal process and allow for the processing of memberships in a timelier manner.

An associated fee of \$1 for single memberships or \$2 for up to 6 members would cover the expenses of using this system.

As part of this system membership cards could be included as part of the receipt. This would save the Empire the postage costs for sending out cards.

Costs and information from Master Tyler Foxx (Kingdom of Vega Web minister):

How does this affect our memberships?

For our current Annual Membership this is how it would work out.

1yr Annual Membership \$30.00

Paypal Fee 2.2%+\$0.30 (0.66+0.30) -\$ 0.96

Total Received \$29.04

This could be offset by requesting a \$1.00 process fee from members who choose to pay using this method, or accepting the loss on the transaction by the club.

This is a trade off financially for the purpose of providing an option that many are used to make payments. The convenience will also help more members to renew on time and that in turn helps the organization.

User Security

Other than the "How much does it cost?" question, User Security is something I think will weigh heavy upon those who will be deciding if this is something the organization should partake in. And PayPal does provide options that I believe would fit our organization.

Paypal has one primary User. Or basically, one all-access pass.

Secondary Users may be added with varying levels of abilities and access.

This can include Accountants, Exchequer, web-developers and so on.

RESULTS OF VOTING: *PASSED* by the Imperial Estates.

B. Proposal No. 2: Extension of the Sentence of Banishment

Submitter: Megana Vite, Queen of the Kingdom of Vega, Magister of the Court of High Justice

Body of Proposal: The Kingdom of Vega convened a Court of High Justice in July of 2012 to respond to charges made against Sherian Wallace, a member of the territory of Terra Norte. The charges included the publication of heinous and slanderous allegations (Slander Per Se) against five other members of the Territory. Ms. Wallace continued to publish these allegations to Faire coordinators and others within the Territory even after being requested to stop by two Imperial Knights as well as the Board of Directors of the ECS twice.

Ms. Wallace chose not to respond to the Court of High Justice. As a result, summary adjudication was rendered with a sentence of one year banishment. The Kingdom of Vega estates choose to extend this sentence of banishment to the maximum of three years (up to October 20, 2015). We are now requesting that the Imperial Estates extend this sentence to banishment for life due to the enormous potential mundane exposure which this individual opened this corporation up to and the significant interference with this corporation's ability to fund raise and operate with the areas of Washington and Oregon.

RESULTS OF VOTING: *PASSED* by the Imperial Estates.

C. Proposal #3: Remove Imoc section 6 ECS HESA combat

Submitter: Duke Sir Lassidor

Body of Proposal: Reasoning we passed this a couple of years ago to retain membership in the Chicago area and all the members of the area quit the organization within six months after our passing this. Also, at the time of passing it we asked for more information on the fighting styles and it was never given. It is my understanding that this type of combat is not fought within the empire so I don't think we should have it in our rules since none of the current members participate in it or even know much about it.

RESULTS OF VOTING: *PASSED* by the Imperial Estates.

D. Proposal #4: Change Legis Imperium version 16.2 section V C(3)(4)

Submitter: Baroness Dame Kyrie McKay, Terra Norte

Body Of Proposal: The proposed changes will include the following items:

C. THE CROWN ESTATES

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 (currently 125) 75 paid

members in a geographically specific region set by the Imperial Estates.....etc.

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 (currently 75) 50 paid members over and above the numbers needed to maintain a Kingdom...ect.
- b. Duke or Duchess -Ruler of a Duchy, which is defined as a geographically distinct region within a Kingdom or Principality containing at least (currently 50) 30 paid members....etc.
- 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 (currently 25) 15 paid members in residence...etc

RESULTS OF VOTING: *PASSED* by the Imperial Estates.

D. Proposal No. 5: Approval of an Archery Manual

Submitter: Markiz Sir Fredric de Gova, Markiz of Capella, Chronicler of Vega

Body of Proposal: I would like to propose that the attached archery manual be considered as a new activity form. Please review attached manual.

RESULTS OF VOTING: *PASSED* by the Imperial Estates with two friendly Amendments. The first amendment is that archery will only be conducted at private events which are not attended by the general public. The second friendly amendment is that the Draw Weight limits for target archery bows will be no more than 60 pounds for traditional target shoots.

V. DISCUSSION

There was no significant discussion except for discussion regarding the transmittal of photographs to the Imperial web minister.

VI. ADJORNMENT

The Imperial Estates meeting was called adjourned by the President of the Board of Directors.