

Moot of Roak and Carlotta
Pennsic War
August 14, 2001, beginning 6:30pm

Lawspeaker read Article 8, Territorial Barons and Baronesses

Opening remarks by HRM – This is the continuation of the moot held at EWP

TOPIC: Kingdom A&S is currently scheduled for the third week of November. It is proposed to move it back to the spring.

The discussion was opened by remarks from the former Kingdom A&S officer who oversaw the move of the Kingdom A&S to the fall. She reminded people that many meetings were held over a two year period to consider when to hold this event. The meetings were poorly attended, but the consensus was that during the spring people were busy with the opening of the tourney season, in the summer people were busy with Pennsic preparation, etc., and there were not as many tournaments in the fall.

The current A&S office then spoke regarding why the Fall is the preferred time. Chief concern about November is the travelling weather. That's why the event is not schedule in December through to spring. When spring begins/ends is variable. Summer camping events are bad for delicate objects. We don't want A&S to conflict with Crown which leads us to November. Willing to consider other dates, but would like a fixed date on the calendar.

As the person who had originally brought up the topic was not in attendance at that point, the topic was suspended until a runner could be sent to see if that individual wished to speak.

The Kingdom Seneschal announced that Their Royal Highnesses would like to have a kingdom Twelfth night. Any group interested in hosting this event is asked to please send your bids to TRH and Kingdom Seneschal.

The Kingdom Youth Officer announced that Youth Combat rules have been approved by the Society Marshal. In short, ages 8 to 15 can participate, in different brackets, with parental consent. When they are 16 they can start heavy training.

There was then a return to the A&S topic. The point was made that winter starts early in the Northern shires, and a November date, no matter what part of November, means that the northern people will be prohibited from participating due to dangerous driving conditions. Therefore you are limiting their participation as entrants or judges. It was suggested that the event not be restricted to the 3rd week of November but allowed to float in the fall, sometimes to be held in October.

It was acknowledged that set dates allow for better scheduling of busy schedules, but flexibility should be allowed for due to participation levels. A few people spoke in

favour of moving it to the spring, since in the spring we can show off winter projects. Others pointed out that it doesn't matter when the event falls, you can always show your projects at the next A&S, whether you completed them in the winter, spring, fall or summer.

By setting the date for A&S, it allows for planning years in advance, but it should not mean that a good site found enough in advance should be ignored because it is only available in October for example. The Kingdom Seneschal reiterated that the current Kingdom policy allows for unusual circumstances. A point was made that it can be difficult to attend more than one kingdom event in a month (ie Crown and A&S in October) and A&S should be in the term of the winter royalty, as the Summer Royalty has Pennsic. Another speaker pointed out that people used to complain there was not enough time in the spring, now there is not enough time in the fall. We need to give this new system a chance. It was also pointed out that the problem is we can't hold it during camping season, and we can't hold it during bad driving weather in the spring or fall. This gives a very limited window of time.

Another point was made concerning the fact that it is impossible to please everyone all the time, so could people not send their entries in if they can't make it? The Kingdom A&S officer concurred that they can send the items, but it removes them from the face to face process. We encourage people to attend and participate in person. Nothing limits us to only one A&S per year. It is his suggestion that all Kingdom level events should have an A&S component.

A member of the Laurelate mentioned that right now A&S has no score, no points, all you get is subjective comments. To send stuff and not be there you lose 95% of the result. Writing comments puts an undue burden on the judges. People appear to get excited about being seen by the Laurels at A&S. This may not be a good thing. Question is why do we do A&S? A suggestion was made again to have multiple A&S's, like about one every three months. The final suggestion was that the policy could be written in such a way as to encourage the earlier dates, for example: "...on the third week of November, 'if not held earlier in the calendar year'"

Due to time, the A&S discussion was closed, and left with the Royalty to decide if further discussion, action or decisions should be made on the topic.

HRM Roak announced, at this Pennsic War, a convocation of the Crowns was held. As a result there came a statement, which has the signatures of all Crowns present, to be sent to the Board of Directors. The lawspeaker read the Proposal to the assembled people. HRM announced that questions or discussions could be held in detail after court today or later with any of TRM, the Kingdom Seneschal, Kingdom Lawspeaker, or the Kingdom Exchequer, all of who were present at the Convocation of Crowns.

The Moot was then closed at 7:15 pm to allow for Court.