

1<sup>st</sup> Moot of TRM's Roak & Carlotta held at Ealdormere War Practice in the Canton of Ard Creag on Sunday, July 1, A.S. XXXVI (2001) Lawspeaker: Viscountess Moria the Black

The Moot was opened at 12:45 pm.

The Lawspeaker opened the Moot with the explanation that due to lack of official publication, this was not the "official" Moot of the reign of Roak and Carlotta. That the "official" Moot will be published in the August Tidings, and is to be held at the Pennsic War XXX in August.

- A) Reading of the Laws: The Lawspeaker chose to familiarise the people of Ealdormere present with Article IX: Lawspeaker of Ealdormere, Page 16. With the acknowledgement that this section had been read at a previous Moot, the Lawspeaker was granted permission to a synopsis of the law, rather than a direct reading. (Detailed Synopsis to follow in next month's Tidings.)
- B) Discussion: A very silly and trivial discussion was held concerning his Majesty's question regarding the origins of Santa Claus, at which the general consensus was that Santa Claus originated in Canada. (The Lawspeaker expressed concern that this is not the case, and that Santa Claus actually originated in St. Petersburg.) A suggestion was made that His Majesty direct His loyal Order of the Laurel to research this topic. His Majesty will give the suggestion His due consideration.
- C) Their Majesties and Their Highnesses chose to waive opening remarks and go directly to discussion topics.
- D) Kingdom Event Policy: The Kingdom Seneschal explained the new 'Proposed' policy change to the Kingdom Event Bid Policies.

Proposed: Rotation schedule will continue as already set, this schedule will be published and available in the Tidings once the Policy has been implemented.

The Group responsible for the event on the rotation is **REQUIRED** to submit an event bid for that event. (note: the previous policy meant the group was **REQUIRED ONLY IF NO OTHER BIDS WERE SUBMITTED 9 MONTHS PRIOR**).

Any other group not on the rotation for that event may submit a bid, after they have contacted the Group on the rotation and informed the Group of their intention. Depending on the agreement between the two groups, this may or may not result in the Group on the rotation not submitting a bid.

Example: Ben Dunfirth is scheduled for Spring Crown in 2005, Skrael is scheduled for Fall A&S 2005. Skrael has a great site for Crown Tourney, and needs to book it now. Skrael calls Ben Dunfirth and requests that Skrael take over that event slot. *Scenario 1*: Ben Dunfirth agrees. This means that Skrael may submit the bid to the Crown and the Privy Council now. Ben Dunfirth does not submit a bid. If it is accepted, Skrael is doing Spring Crown 2005. However, Skrael must still put in a bid for Fall A&S 2005. *Scenario 2*: Ben Dunfirth agrees and then Ben Dunfirth suggests they put in a bid for

Fall A&S 2005. Skrael agrees. Skrael submits their Crown bid, it is accepted. Skrael is doing Spring Crown 2005. Ben Dunfirth waits, then in 2004 they put in a bid for Fall A&S 2005. There is a competing bid from a group in Septentria. Spetentria's bid is accepted. Septentria is doing Fall A&S 2005, and Ben Dunfirth is not doing a Kingdom Event that year. Or there is no competing bid, or Ben Dunfirth's bid wins over the Septentrian bid, and Ben Dunfirth is doing Fall A&S 2005. *Scenario 3:* Ben Dunfirth agrees that Skrael can put in a bid if they wish, but they also wish to put in a bid. Ben Dunfirth must now put together a bid so that it can be submitted at the same time as Skrael's bid. Skrael's bid is the stronger bid and is accepted. Skrael is doing Spring Crown 2005. Skrael must still submit a bid for Fall A&S 2005 and Ben Dunfirth does not need to submit a bid for any other Kingdom event that they are not on the rotation for.

In all 3 Scenarios (there are many more possible) the actual rotation does not change and each Group on the rotation is still responsible for submitting bids for any other event that falls under the rotation schedule to their group.

If more than one bid is submitted for a kingdom event, all bids will go to the Privy Council and the Crown. One bid will be selected and approved. The policy will explain that if all bids are reasonably equal, preference will be given to the Group on the rotation. If only one bid is submitted (the Group on the rotation) the bid will go to the Crown and Privy Council for approval. The bid must meet the requirements set out for Kingdom Events. The Baronies will also be placed on the rotation for "shire support" for that year. The Shires will remain on the Rotation schedule; however, any Shire who wishes help may approach the responsible Barony with a written request for the support required. The Baron and Baroness, and Baronial Seneschal will review the request. The Barony may approve the request as submitted, or may negotiate changes to the request. Once satisfied, the Barony will officially approve the request and is then committed to providing the approved support for that event, should the bid win approval from Crown and Privy Council. The Kingdom Seneschal will still publish deadlines for submissions for Kingdom events. Currently, the deadline is 9 months prior to the event. This may change to 1 year. However, if a bid is submitted prior to the request for bids, the Kingdom Seneschal will follow the policies already in place, and publish a notice that the bid has been received and call for any other bids.

Already approved is a change that all Crown and Coronation Events will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of the assigned months (being April, May, September and October) , and Kingdom A& S will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of November, except in unusual circumstances.

Explanation: The changes now allow for groups to bid on events 2 or 3 years in advance, while still allowing for flexibility to the rotation schedule. It removes the uncertainty from the group on the rotation (they no longer wait until just 9 months prior to put in a bid) and allows Crown Combatants to know when and where Coronations and Crown Tourneys that may affect them are going to take place. It frees up other weekends in the reserved months to allow groups to book non-Kingdom Events years in advance (with the

knowledge they may be bumped or requested to substitute a Kingdom event in the case of unusual circumstances.)

Discussion: After all questions regarding the policy were answered and explained, the general consensus was that the policy was a good one, with one exception, explained in item E.

**Kingdom A&S dates:** A concern was stated regarding the fall A& S and travelling weather. A request for an explanation as to why the A&S was moved from Spring originally, and could we move it back. As the people who could best answer that question were not available, it was suggested by the Lawspeaker, and agreed to by the Royal Family and the subjects present, that that topic and discussion would be held over for the Pennsic Moot, at which time it is hoped people more knowledgeable on the topic would be present. All those people who are not available for the Pennsic Moot are encouraged to send their opinions to the Lawspeaker prior to Pennsic.

Populous Discussion: A suggestion was made that the Kingdom try to focus on having more smaller events on the same dates. As current policies allow for this, through discussion with the Calendar Secretary, this led to a discussion on setting aside certain dates through the year that allow for events that are either large “Kingdom” wide appeal, Baronial appeal, or specific interest appeal. This led into another topic regarding the expectations of the Crown and on the Crown and Baronage to attend all events in the Kingdom or Barony. It also led to a discussion on whether or not groups should be asking the Royalty not to come to certain events, or to come and not be “Royal”. This again led to a discussion regarding the need for better communication on the differences and existence of customs, traditions and expectations between the people and the Royalty. Due to the interest and diversity of the opinions of those present the following recommendations were made by the Lawspeaker:

The Lawspeaker solicit opinions from the people, using various methods, to accumulate a cohesive basis for discussion on the topic of multiple events on the same day.

The Lawspeaker solicit opinions from the people, using various methods, to accumulate a cohesive basis for discussion on the topic of the expectations of groups concerning Royalty/Baronage attendance at events.

After compiling a basis of opinion; the Lawspeaker will then submit a recommendation to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal regarding the need for either/or: a) a pre-published topic of discussion at an official Moot or b) a round table discussion or c) whatever action the Royalty and Kingdom Seneschal feels is needed to necessitate consideration of the topics.

Their Majesties issued closing comments, asking for all people who wished to submit agenda items for the Pennsic Moot, or comments, to submit them to the Lawspeaker before Pennsic.

The Moot was closed at 2:30 pm.