

Moot of Their Royal Majesties Roak and Arlette
Snowed Inn
February 15, 2003 (A.S. XXXVIII)

Reading of the Section of the Law:

Lawspeaker read Section 1-100, concerning the Precedence of Law to now include officer handbooks.

Welcoming Comments from Their Majesties, Their Highnesses and His Excellency Septentria.

First Topic:

Use of Regalia at Moots

----- commented that in the beginning regalia was set aside to promote discussion and 'gathering of equals' atmosphere – this should be a tradition that is continued by the Royalty. No other comments were made.

A question was raised as to membership fees and where money is going. There was some concern that less comes back to Ealdormere than to other Kingdoms. Former Board of Director members, and the Kingdom Chronicler confirmed that Ealdormere receives the same portion of the membership fees back as every other Kingdom. It was suggested that there may be a need to investigate if a change is required in the future.

The circumstances under which Australia is a Kingdom were discussed. It was stated that Australians are very sensitive when it comes to legislature and insurance on Non-Australians making policy, particularly in sports. They also have a singular mailing list, which saves money. Canada would have several different mailing lists, due to spanning several Kingdoms. SCA Australia pays a fee per member to play by SCA Inc. rules, but does not have representation on the SCA Inc. Board of Directors. It has it's own directors, but can not make policies that violate SCA Inc.

A suggestion was made that Laws which are written in response to an action taken by a person or group, should be named after that person or group. This would make people stop and think before doing harmful or 'crazy' things. Though this was a somewhat 'tongue-in-cheek' comment, it did receive some discussion. Namely it was brought up that there would be confusion when many different laws were named after the same person or group,. And that such a thing would not allow a matter to be dropped.

A question was raised regarding the making of Laws in the Kingdom. Is there any way to stop a law, or get it reversed? The Kingdom Seneschal confirmed the Laws process. She explained that the right of the Crown to make Law is given by Corpora, and a Kingdom can not take that right away. Though the Kingdom may impose restrictions or steps that must be followed, the Crown still has the right and say in making Laws. A comment was made regarding the necessity of people to comment during the commentary period, even

though the Crown is not obligated to listen. The only avenue of appeal is to the Society Seneschal and the BoD if a person feels the Law violates Corpora or mundane law.

A question was raised regarding why certain laws are being made now, as opposed to back when we first became a Kingdom? There was a belief that our Kingdom Laws were taken from the Middle Kingdom laws. It was confirmed that our Laws were totally different from the Middle's when we became a Kingdom, and that the Crown may see a need for a particular law now, where there was no need in the past.

There was a fairly in-depth conversation regarding the need to convey Law changes to more people, so more people will comment. Suggestions as to using bards, heralds, etc. to pass on prospective law changes. Her Royal Majesty stated that there was an expectation that the local Seneschal should be informing the people of an Law changes, etc., and they would be ideal to solicit comment to the Crown.

A comment was made concerning the location of the moot in relation to the rest of the event, and that it was felt that moots aren't well advertised, nor conveniently placed to allow for maximum participation. There was a long discussion regarding the variables surrounding arranging a Moot, the importance of the Moot, and how it could be better promoted. In the end, the most resounding comment was that people could not be forced to attend, or participate, and that the best way to explain the role and need of the moot is for people to go out and talk to people who weren't there.

Their Royal Majesties made closing comments and thanked everyone for coming.