

## **Moot of TRM Dagmar and Quilliam**

February 11th, 2012

Held at St. Valentine's Day Massacre III

Fifty-seven gentles present for the moot.

**Lawspeaker:** Mu'allim Valizan Ibn Fredeh presiding.

Viscountess Moria The Black acting as notetaker.

**Sitting Royalty:** His Majesty Tormot Quilliam, Her Majesty Dagmar Halvdan, His Highness Edward The Red, Her Highness Rylyn Buchanan.

The Lawspeaker welcomed everyone, and then read the part of the Kingdom Laws regarding Deliberations of the Peerage Orders, Article 17.

### **ARTICLE XVII – Deliberation of the Patent Orders**

XVII-100 The deliberations of each of the Patent Orders are conducted in the Crown's confidence. Deliberations of the Patent Orders include polling and other specific communications regarding candidates between the Crown and the Order. This does not include philosophical discussions on the nature of the peerage, nor does it include dissemination of information that would assist the candidate in their personal growth, so long as that information conforms to the guidelines set out by the Crown and the Orders. No person shall violate that confidence without the express permission of the Crown. The Crown shall grant the right of disclosure to such members as they see fit on a case-by-case basis in order to allow the Order(s) to make preparation appropriate for the elevation of a candidate. Deliberate failure to observe this confidence, or intentional breaches shall result in sanctions by the Crown. Such sanctions may include a Court of Inquiry or any other sanctions as deemed appropriate by the Crown.

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **Waiver Question.**

First piece of business was submitted by THL Gerrard Carpentarius, regarding waivers. He wanted to know if we could lower the number of combat waivers that we use at events.

— The Kingdom Seneschal, Lady Heather The Questrix, said it was regulated by the Society, so the Kingdom cannot do much about it.

— Countess Adrielle Kerrec pointed out that if you get a membership, the waivers go away.

— His Highness Edward The Red stated that perhaps a membership was the best thing to avoid the issue of waivers.

### **The Board Of Director's Actions Settling The Lawsuit Against SCA Inc..**

The Lawspeaker invited Viscountess Kaellyn McDermott (Member of the Board of Directors of SCA Inc. and ombudsman for Financial Matters) to address the people regarding the recent announcement of the settlement of the Lawsuit that came out the past week, showing that every Kingdom in North America will have to contribute to the Society to pay the settlement amount.

— The Lawspeaker asked where does the society go from here? What is going to change from here on in to make sure this situation does not happen again?

— Viscountess Kaellyn responded that background checks had been implemented; along with a Society Officer of Youth Activities.

— Youth Combat is now regulated at the Society level.

— Changes have been made to the business structure so that the society will not be in this position again.

— Directors and officers are still protected, and we still have liability insurance.

— We have been creating subsidiary corporations, not in response to the lawsuits, but due to the needs of the States, and it provides a small amount of protection.

— Going to online newsletters will help us save money as well.

Baron Giovanni Di Enzinas asked how to find out about corporation decisions,

—Viscountess Kaellyn said to go to the corporate website.

Countess Adrielle pointed out that the idea of incorporation in Canada Inc, had been made over the years, and stated that incorporating in Canada it is not viable due to the costs. As a compromise the SCA Inc. is registered in every province. We are registered in every State other than California as a foreign corporation and in every Canadian province. Subsidiaries help to separate the financial amounts so that they stay below the IRS threshold.

Lady Asa Gormsdottir asked if the full cost of the insurance claim will be part of an increase in the membership fees, and does it cover any increase in premiums, and will there be any future increases.

— Viscountess Kaellyn said that the online newsletters will help keep the membership costs where they are now, and the current level of the membership cost at where it is now. The results of the lawsuit against the second insurance company (where SCA Inc. expects to win and be reimbursed) will also help to keep costs down.

Countess Arlette De Saules asked if the smaller groups would be given a break by the larger donations of some groups?

— Her Majesty Dagmar said if groups gave more than they had to, that money will stay in-Kingdom and either help replenish the Kingdom coffers or will help those smaller groups who are having difficulty.

— Viscountess Kaellyn said groups outside North America were not included donating to the settlement, as they were protected by international Law and therefore were not asked to pay towards the settlement. Wassail to the Kingdom of Drachenwald, and the Kingdom of Lochac who donated even though they did not have to. Her faith in the Society is renewed due to the reaction of people who have stepped up.

### **Possible Rapier Peerage**

The Board has announced their intention to create a committee to create another Peerage: for Rapier, cut and thrust combat.

Viscountess Moria The Black asked why this is happening for Rapier but not Archery.

— Viscountess Kaellyn said that it is in response to the 2010 Census. Archery was not as well represented, nor as far reaching or saturated of an activity.

Her Highness Rylyn Buchanan asked what kind of timeline we are talking about.

— Viscountess Kaellyn said we are right now at the stage of announcing the intent to solicit nominations for the committee.

### **Same-Sex Pairs in Crown Tournament Commentary**

Viscountess Kaellyn had one more announcement, the Board has asked for commentary on the wording of the proposal to allow same-sex couples to fight in Crown tournaments. She said they are counting on the membership to tell them. Comments should be sent to [comments@sca.org](mailto:comments@sca.org).

— His Majesty Quilliam pointed out that this came out of the Census as well, so the Board is listening.

### **Open Question Period**

The Lawspeaker acknowledged Sir Evander McLachlan's question as to the current proposed Law changes in *The Tidings*: What is considered unusual circumstances to waive that 30-day period, or that month?

— His Majesty Quilliam said that sometimes there is a situation where the Crown is about to be affected adversely, such as the need to prove you have *The Tidings* for Crown Tournament is a perfect example. Because of the changeover in how newsletters are being delivered to members, the new law had to go through when it did.

Baroness Gaerwen of Trafford asked if there will be such a waiver regarding the next Crown Tournament?

- Their Highnesses commented that currently Their Majesties would have to make that decision, but They hoped it would be dealt with in time for Crown Tourney.
- Her Highness clarified that not just The Crown can waive the comment period. But that it had to be approved by Privy Council and they have to agree. Clarification was made that it had to be unanimous with quorum of the Privy Council.

### **Final Words**

The Royal Family said “We love you all, and you are awesome, the response from this lawsuit was overwhelming, and we are very proud of those who gave support to the SCA.”

The Moot was ended.