

# Kingdom Moot

Reign of Siegfried and Xristina

Attending Royalty: HRM Siegfried, HRM Xristinia, HRH Quilliam, HRH Tangwystl

Start 10:47 am.

Minutes taken by: Angela Fabbricci

Kingdom Law: Article 16 financial Accounting and contracts, article 700

2 law changes (in the tidings) - re Lawspeaker, and one more. All comments please send to the Kingdom Seneschal

Lawspeaker - Topic - discussion on the Youth activities pg. as proposed by Society, and if our kingdom should adopt it (FAQs posted to the website and available at Troll today). Some concerns have already been brought to the Lawspeaker.

Youth Minister - Legal questions will need to wait to talk to the Kingdom Seneschal. Company that does the Youth Check is the same as the one for Girl Guides Canada and Boy Scouts Canada, but needs to be done again for the SCA.

- Kingdom - about 1/5 of youth do not have memberships, This would mean that youth without guardians with membership would not be able to participate. Badges would need to be paid for by the families of the children.
- no subtractions from the Society rules can be done. Individual Groups can add to them.
- Mentors (for the upper levels of badge) must have police checks. Must also be members.
- upper level badges must complete lower levels of the badges before receiving the upper level.
- Ealdormere can create their own youth program, or adopt the Society one.

Emma - YAFA handbook does say that can make changes for special needs youth

Eryny - does the requirement to complete all lower levels start even at the start of this?

YM - yes.

Eryny- not great for older kids.

YM - not sure if this is how it would start

Penda - there is an extra cost?

LS - Family membership, badge cost (\$4 USD)

His RM - doe you need to pay to get the badge to move on to the next level?

YM - not sure

Dagmar - can we fundraise to help with the cost of the badges?

YM - can do this.

Her RM - Kingdom cannot pay for individual memberships.

Her RM - we need the youth to continue the society, don't want cost to stop people from being able to participate (don't want to discriminate based on financial need)

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Master Martin - we are a small kingdom, not sure that we can get enough people to register to mentor and cover all those categories in YAFA (some are very specific, not a lot of options ). Not very flexible - good for a larger kingdom. I think we need to go our own way. (we can make badges for cheaper than \$4 USD.

Eryny - love a youth program, see more problems than good with the YAFA curriculum - looks too much like going to school. Would love something, not sure this is it.

Yvette de Sinclair - need to read more about this, but even as an adult not sure that she could get through some of this (no flexibility to the extreme). Where do YOU want to go with it - is that

Tristan of Ravenglass - old Youth Combat program had an incentive to promote good/chivalric behaviour. it used a similar point system for this (could get gear etc). Thought that was great (encouraged what we wanted the kids to do) Incentive pg. is a good thing, not sure if YAFA is what this is - having something is good.

Kol- having badges for kids works for things like Beavers. Biggest concern is pay-to-play. If I were new to the society and heard that my kid couldn't participate, ai would not be coming back. YM - some discussions with people doing service with youth. We could put together our own curriculum within this year. There is support for this.

Tristan Galbraith - when we first started, there was no youth. When People had kids there was nothing for the kids to do. We have come a long way with this, but when we bring Friends and Family they ask about cost. Key selling feature is 'it costs what you want to put into it'. He would not have come back if there was a set cost associated with activities.

Nicola da Braacton - years ago when we were looking at the Middle A+S model, we went our own way to be Ealdormere. This feels similar. We already have people taking youth students (Laurel/Pelican) and we should use this as a start to what we can do on our own. We have strengths within this kingdom, lets use that and parents here that work for us.

Rua - what brought us to the SCA os affordability/access. Events have other kids around (attracts families). The only thing that I could think of that we would want at events is a central place for children to be creative and play out their modelling of what the adults are doing. Bigger events seem to have a children's space. Badge system is a hindrance - discourages self-direction.

HRH Quilliam - sounds like we are all not the same page, how do we not drop the ball and create our own thing? YM - need to work with the people that have already stepped up to get something in place.

Eryny - 12 and 14 year olds question is 'who is going to be at the event - are my friends going to be there' Girls seem to be around a lot, not so much with the boys. We need to encourage more kids to come, not less.

His RM - doesn't hear a lot of support for YAFA as it sits. To be completely fair - is there anyone here that is strongly in favour of YAFA? Nil response.

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YM - not a lot of information about the badges. The information and concepts are great - we could use some of that. His TM - there won't be charges of copyright infringement? Can we mix and match to something more ealdoremere-friendly? Some other kingdoms are looking at this as well - maybe a more Canadian thing (to have cross kingdom recognition. There is support for a youth program, but not exactly what we see in the YAFA documentation. We want a nice, Canadian, Free flowing program.

Master Martin - some people like badges, some don't. That's one thing that we need to look into more. Sounds like we want more flexibility?

(His RM - badges? We don't need no stinkin' badges! Laughter)

His RM - we can make the badges more cheaply (or fundraise). This will take time to get in place, but we will do it.

Rua - Girl Guides have a lot of option, but it is overwhelming and can become too niche. We already have an awards system that is encouraging. Maybe an awards system based off children?

Her RH - totally agree about the GG thing. Recognition is important - personal. If we don't have the youth we are going nowhere with the Society. But does not like badges. Can we get something in place before the Summer fun all starts? Think a greater degree of flexibility is needed.

Her RM - kids have badges, adults don't. What are we teaching the kids when we have a checklist for them but not for adults? Can we look at a Page system - maybe children's ranks that have titles (just like the adults)

Ann Tinker - like concept of YAFA- but resources at the local level for administration is really tough (the existing officer needs is already hard) Not fair to burden local groups with this level of admin as well (especially if there are not kids in the group)

Eileen - love the idea of YAFA, but we have a hard enough time getting the volunteers for things anyway. This is related to developing our own program.

His RM - and point of today is do we want YAFA or go down our own path? We don't want to talk the details of own path today. Sounds like we want to go our own way? Can we conclude and know that today - we need to set the other details up later.

Nicolaa - we have some other programs in place that already we could use as bases (Yeoman of the wolf, White Wolf Fian)

Emma - kids need direction and guidelines, so not having any badges would not work

His RM - lets not count anything out at this tim.

Fiona - maybe we need to look at the Girl Guides program for how things change as people get older.

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Eryny - we seem to want a guidelines, but we want some more self direction. Ealdoremere academy of defence might be a model

YM- please don't send comments to her personal email - will have a YM email setup for this sort of conversation - please wait a week or so!!!

LS - send comments ideas to YM and Seneschal.

her RM - I Live IN Ealdormere is NOT an official place to comment - will not be seen by everyone.

LS - Topic 2- can we keep this to 15 min.

Processes in place for Regalia bids. We don't have any policies in place to regulate how these are done (inconsistent on information dissemination, etc). Do we need a policy set in place on who a call for bid.

His RH - anyone who purchases anything should have a procurement policy - so there are no concerns

LS - some of the current bids need a lot of \$\$, and fundraising is needed.

His RM - the current Regalia policy is being revised to make more \$\$ in place etc.

Anne Tinker - having not set the thrones, have a concern that commissions have gone to out of kingdom artists before our local people have had the chance.

Penda - if a bid for a new 'thing' goes out, what is the process right now? Her RM - there isn't one right now.

LS- it seems to be event driven.

Penda - should be a place where anyone can go to see what is the current needs.

His RM - Issue with that is-if this is not always happening (3 things a year) people will forget that this is out there and we'll be back in the same place. Need to have a policy set out (Website, Tidings, SocialMedia (Ls - Social Media is not considered an official way of disseminating info) ) need to have way for everyone to know what is needed or going on .

Master Martin - would be good to establish a timeline, does it stay within a reign or not (need to make sure things are not specific to that reign only), do we have a policy for emergency situations?

His RM - Privy Council votes on things like 'I want', and larger things like Crowns/Coronets do not fit within one reign (designs, decisions, fundraising, making) anyway.

Issac - We need to have a criteria to what is being decided on (not just what was finally decided on)

Her RM - Privy Council meetings are open to all.

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His RM - you have a right to have your say LS - Public does not get to speak at Privy Council - but can send comments on later.

LS - comments on these topics, or any suggestions for topics for future moots, go to the Kingdom website (Mintues are posted there).

End: 11:39 am