

**MINUTES OF THE 2008 MEETING OF THE
IMPERIAL ESTATES OF THE EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY
AND STEEL, INC.**

I. Roll Call

A. Sovereigns of the Kingdoms.

1. HRM Sanguinius Incarnadine (Galador)-*Present*
2. HRM Mina Vaughn (Galador)-*Present*
3. HRM Coniach McCleod (Vega)-*Present*

B. Imperial Electors and Members of the Imperial Estates

1. Earl Sir Maxmillian Des Pegases-*Absent*
2. Contessa Dame Isabeau Des Pegases-*Absent*
3. Dame Emlyn Vigamor Enke Ulfud-*Present*
4. Contessa Dame Chimera the Cleric-*Present*
5. Dame Kyrie McKay-*Present*
6. Dame Ginevra Della Cascata-*Present*
7. Duke Don Sir Michel de Pictramala-*Present*
8. Viscount Sir Reinhardt von Konrad-*Present by Proxy*

C. Members of the Board of Directors

1. Stacey Diegel-*Present*
2. Michelle Reines-*Present*
3. Judy Dodge-*Present*
4. Roy Quante-*Present*

II. Announcements

There were no announcements.

III. Reports from Imperial Officers

A. Imperial Minister of Combat

The Imperial Minister of Combat reported that the rules for combat for the last 18 years have been designed to play a game. With a few modifications, these rules can be changed to allow for combat with historical accuracy. These changes would allow individuals to explore the historical combat arts.

B. Imperial Minister of Arts

The Imperial Minister of Arts reported that everything is fine.

C. Imperial Mistress of Rolls

The Imperial Mistress of Rolls reported that there are presently 248 members of the Empire. This figure is broken down into 185 members within the Kingdom of Vega, 61 members in the Kingdom of Galador, and 2 members in the former Kingdom of Ostgard.

D. Imperial Exchequer

The Imperial Exchequer and the President of the Board of Directors will get together in the upcoming week and make an announcement as to the current cash

resources in the Imperial Bank Account on the website in the near future.

E. **Imperial Sovereign of Arms**

The Imperial Sovereign of Arms reported that everyone is up to date with the exception of a loss of a single device which will be taken care of in the near future.

F. **Imperial Web Minister**

The Imperial Web Minister gave an extremely detailed and lengthy report regarding the status of the Imperial and various Kingdom Websites and their related operations. The Imperium, through the individual Territories, is responsible for paying for Territorial Websites.

IV. **Old Business**

Two items were brought up under Old Business. Henceforth, all crowns and cornets for landed estates members shall be gold in color and all crowns and cornets for non-landed estate members shall be silver in color. The pending proposal regarding the Map of the World was tabled pending consideration of another proposal presently on the Agenda under New Business.

V. **New Business**

A. **Domestic Partners Proposal**

I would like to have the wording of the membership form to be more inclusive to non-married families, such as domestic partners.

Currently the form says:

Family: \$25.00 ? per membership for immediate family (spouse and minor children or dependents as determined by the IRS) of a Participating membership residing at the same address.

I'm thinking of rewording the above to read;

Family: \$25.00 ? per membership for family members (spouse, partner, minor children, or a dependent as determined by the IRS) of a Participating membership residing at the same address.

Submitted by: Viscount Sir Kavin

Result: This proposal was modified with a friendly amendment. This friendly amendment provides that the term "partner" shall be modified to "domestic partner". This proposal, with the friendly amendment, *was passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crowns of Vega and Galandor voted "Yes."

B. **Requesting approval of a new Imperial Manual of Web Procedure.**

Proposed manual is located at <http://www.ecs-imperial.org/IMWPOutline1.doc>
Agenda Item 2(if it needs Estates approval):

Imperial Webmaster is requesting permission to create and maintain possible income generating aspects of the website including an Amazon Associates account connected to the Recommended Publications section of the online

Imperial Library. Approval for future creation of other possible income generating aspects and features such as a Cafepress or similar account is included in this request.

Submitted by: Dame Wolfe

Result: The Imperium, through the individual Territories, is responsible for paying for Territorial Websites. This proposed manual was *passed contingent* upon the Imperial Exchequer arranging for a debit card through the Imperial account. This debit card would allow for payment of the expenses associated

with

Territorial Websites without disclosure of personal information. Both the Crowns of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes.”

C. **Dissolution of the Map of the World**

To dissolve the "Map of the World" which determines which Kingdom has rights to specific geographical areas. This system should be replaced with a system where the forming Territory will be allowed to designate which Kingdom it wishes to mentor under. If the forming Territorial is unable to, or unwilling to choose a specific Kingdom, then existing Kingdoms will take turns in accepting any forming Territory under their rule.

Rationale: The vast majority of territories are started by an individual who comes from one of the existing Kingdoms. Those individuals should be allowed to deal with the Kingdom that they are most comfortable with and already enjoy existing relationship with. This proposal would also allow for a forming Territory to be managed by a Kingdom which has a Territory in close geographical proximity.

Submitted by: Earl Sir Vladimir Tolos, KC, Kmn

Result: This proposal was *passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crowns of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes.”

D. **Revocation of Ostgard’s Lifetime Statehood**

To revoke Ostgard's lifetime statehood and reform any existing members in the geographic areas once controlled by Ostgard into proper Territories under an existing Kingdom's rule.

Rationale: The entire Kingdom of Ostgard with the exception of one lifetime member has left the ECS. This action has left Ostgard with no functional governmental framework. There are no resident agents, no sovereigns or legal mundane representatives at all. Therefore, the ECS, Inc. cannot provide to any new or old members the standard rights of membership. Without a resident agent, the ECS, Inc. cannot legally conduct business in the states where Ostgard once ruled.

Submitted by: Earl Sir Vladimir Tolos KC, Kmn

Result: This proposal was *passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crowns of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes.”

E. **Grant the territory of Northwatch Kingdom status.**

Reasoning: The ECS must maintain a nation wide presence, to help it grow and prosper. With the fall of Ostgard, the ECS no longer has a presence east of AZ/NV border. We can not let our nation-wide organization shrink into a mainly south-west group.

The Kingdom of Northwatch would include: IL, MI and MN and any other state wishing to join. This is also an open invitation for anyone left in Ostgard to join with Northwatch and make a new start for their territory, leaving old politics behind them.

We have a knight in each ladder, 16 dedicated members (we've doubled in size every year starting with just Mina and myself), have held 5 demos in 2 years, fulfilling our 501-c3 obligation, are dedicating to recreating history through studying period sword masters, have a member getting her PhD in medieval architecture, a leather worker with an online store, and many others who are in this organization ready to make it successful.

Submitted by: HRM Sanguinius

Result: This proposal was modified by friendly amendment. This friendly amendment provided that the Imperial Estates has given the Kingdom of Galandor Estates permission to waive the 125 person requirement in deciding whether or not to make Northwatch a principality. This friendly amendment *was passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crowns of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes.”

F. **To approve the new Imperial Arts & Sciences Manual (<http://www.ecs-imperial.org/Imperial%20Arts.doc>)**

Result: The Imperial Estates engaged in significant discussion regarding this proposed manual and a discussion of written versus verbal discussion and the effect of requiring written documentation. This manual was modified with a friendly amendment which changes the language of “required” written documentation to “highly recommended”. This manual, with this proposed friendly amendment, *was passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crowns of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes.”

G. **Changes to the Imperial Manual of Combat**

1. **Section I.E.iv.b of the IMoC**

Remove the wordage that deals with what to do when a blow is made to the arms and legs. This should be defined in the rules of the tournament or melee.

Now: "When an arm is wounded, it's recommended that you place the arm behind your back... When a leg is wounded, go down to your knees."

After: "When a target location is hit, the format of the tournament/melee will dictate how the blow is taken."

Reasoning: This will allow for combat that doesn't require combatants to go down on their knees or place arms behind backs, such as 'pointed' tourneys. It will also leave it up to the tourney/melee to describe what a 'killing' blow is (ie: poisoned blade, first blood tourneys).

Result: This proposed change *was passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crowns of Vega and Galandor voted "Yes."

2. Section I.E.iv.b of the IMoC

Expand the wounding blow target location in shinai combat to the hands.

Result: This proposed change *was rejected* by the Imperial Estates. The Crown of Vega voted "No", and the Crown of Galandor voted "Yes".

3. Section I.E.iv.b of the IMoC

Expand the wounding blow target location in rapier combat to the hands.

Result: This proposed change *was rejected* by the Imperial Estates. The Crown of Vega voted "No", and the Crown of Galandor voted "Yes".

4. Section I.E.iv.b of the IMoC

Expand the wounding blow target location in shinai combat to the knees and below.

Result: This proposed change *was withdrawn* by the Submitter.

5. Section I.E.iv.b of the IMoC

Expand the wounding blow target location in rapier combat to the knees and below.

Result: This proposed change *was withdrawn* by the Submitter.

6. Section VII.B.ii.2 of the IMoC

Remove 'Madu' from the list of Rapier Weapons.

Reasoning: Madu does not appear in the list of shinai weapons, and should not appear in Rapier Weapons because the madu is an Indian weapon not covered by the Mission Statement and was not used in the time of the Rapier.

Result: This proposed change *was rejected* by the Imperial Estates. The Crown of Vega voted “No”, and the Crown of Galandor voted “Yes”.

7. New V.D. in the IMoC

Add new section V.D. which prohibits the use of two swords in steel combat.

Reasoning: There is no documentation that shows the use of two swords in armored combat.

Result: This proposed change *was rejected* by the Imperial Estates. The Crown of Vega voted “No”, and the Crown of Galandor voted “Yes”.

8. New III.D. in the IMoC

Add section III.D which prohibits the use of two swords in unarmored combat.

Reasoning: If shinai is training for steel, or simulates a combat form prior to 'Rapier' combat, the use of this combination of weapons should not be allowed.

Result: This proposed change *was withdrawn* by the Submitter.

9. New VII.A.ii.6. in the IMoC

Add a new section to the alternate shinai weapons which includes construction of a shinai dagger.

Reasoning: To allow combatants who prefer fighting with two weapons an historical option

Construction:

- i. Four single shinai slats up to 18" in length
- ii. Using the original leather for the handle and tip, reattach them to the
4 cut shinai slats.

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Result: This proposed change *was passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crown of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes”.

10. New VII.A.3 in the IMoC

Add bucklers to the list of shinai defensive equipment. The rules and construction will be the same as the rapier buckler with the additional rules that:

- e. bucklers may be used in combination with two handed weapons

Reasoning: This has been done for the past 10 years without a rule for it in the ImoC.

Result: This proposed change *was passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crown of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes”.

11. **Section VII.A.1.a in the IMoC**

add the wordage: "...or rubber hose 'or pre-approved equivalent' securely attached all around..." to the construction of the shinai shield.

Result: There was a discussion that this proposal was to make the requirements for shields universal for both steel and shanai. This proposal *was passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crown of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes”.

12. **New VIII.B.xix in the IMoC -renumber as necessary to keep the list of definitions in alphabetical order**

Add new definition: "Florentine: a term invented by the SCA to describe the use of two swords. Note, that this term was not used in period and the only time the use of two swords can be documented in our period is in the 16th and 17th century when using a 'Case of Rapiers' as described by the historical master, DiGrassi."

Result: This proposed change was modified with a friendly amendment which provides that the Florentine is an invented term used to describe fighting with two swords. Note, that this terms was not used in period and the only time the use of two swords can be documented in our period is in the 16th and 17th century when using a ‘Case of Rapiers’ as described by the historical master, DiGrassi. This proposed change, with this friendly amendment, *was passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crown of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes”.

13. **New VIII.B.xx in the IMoC -renumber as necessary to keep the list of definitions in alphabetical order**

Add new definition: "Eric: a term invented by the SCA to describe a roped off area in which combatants fight. Possibly deriving from an actual person named 'Eric' who brought the setup to practices and or events. The proper term for the roped off area is 'List.'

Result: This proposed change was modified with a friendly amendment which provides that the term “Eric” shall be changed to “List Field” and that the term “List Field” shall be given the definition of “a roped off area in which combatants fight”. This proposed change, with this friendly amendment, *was passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crown of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes”.

14. Section X.B.i in the IMoC

Change the rockwell rating of steel swords to match the rating already used by most of the steel fighters in the ECS.

Now: 40-45

After: 45-53

Result: This proposed change was modified by a friendly amendment which provides that the Rockwell ratings discussed in the Imperial Manual of Combat shall be removed in their entirety until future research can be done on this topic. Individual Combat Marshals shall determine if swords are hard enough to be utilized on the field. This proposed change, with this friendly amendment, *was passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crown of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes”.

These Proposed Changes were Submitted by: HRM Sanguinius

H. Banner War Proposal

I hereby propose for consideration of the Imperial Estates that any members who paid their memberships during the event known as Banner War may be allowed to gain any points/lists they earned during that event.

Reasoning: During the event this past May in Galandor known as Banner War, a small number of participants paid their memberships to the Empire on the weekend of the event. Some paid at the beginning of the event, some in the middle, and some at the end. A statement was made by Imperial Rolls that membership dues would be accepted. After a particular list was won on the second (and last) day of combat, Imperial Rolls mentioned that points and lists earned that weekend would only count if the participant had paid before those points or lists were earned. Meaning a member paying dues on the morning of the second day would not earn points from the first day. I feel that this was a practice that was unclear to the participants of the war, and that when they were told membership dues were being accepted at the event, many assumed that so long as they paid their dues at the two day event, any points gained at the event would be applied to their count. The second statement that dues had to be paid before earning any points was not made until the middle of the second day of combat.

Submitted by Viscount Sir Reinhardt

Result: This proposal *was rejected* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crown of Vega and Galandor voted “No”.

VI. Emergency Items

- A. Move the Imperial Post Office Box from Tucson to the Phoenix Metro Area (probably in Mesa). Adjust all forms as necessary.

Reasoning: Because the PO Box is in an area where it isn't checked very often, important items are often missed or are too late to act upon. 2 current members of the BoD are in the Mesa area and I'm willing to check the PO Box after my BoD term.

Submitted by Mynwyn verch Gruffydd

Result: This proposal **was passed** by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crown of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes”.

- B. Award of the Title of Knight of the Empire to Lord Sir Paul de Marseilles of the Kingdom of Vega.

Result: This proposal *was passed* by the Imperial Estates. Both the Crown of Vega and Galandor voted “Yes”.

VII. General Discussion

There was general discussion regarding the Board of Directors' decision requiring a practice to be an “official” event within the ECS, Inc. There was also discussion regarding the Corporation's ability to own weapons and the legality of “prizes” vs. “gifts”.

VIII. Adjournment