

To all members of SCA (NZ) Inc,

On the 23rd November last, we held our annual general meeting for 2008, as required by mundane New Zealand law. As you will see from the minutes of the meeting which are attached, much good business was transacted, and some changes to the mundane rules of our Society were approved which should improve its behind-the-scenes operation.

However, the primary mundane reason for this meeting was to accept the treasurer's report of the finances of the Society. This report was presented by a proxy, since the treasurer was unable to attend. At the meeting, some questions were raised by members present about particular parts of the report, and, as a result, the report was not accepted.

As an Incorporated Society, we are required to lodge an approved set of accounts with the NZ Companies Office, so we have to convene another general meeting of the society to get this approval. Our current rules (section 9c) require a notice period of at least 8 weeks for such a meeting.

Therefore, be advised that a Special General Meeting of our Society has been scheduled for 3rd of February next, at Canterbury Faire. There is one item of business: approval and acceptance of the treasurer's report.

The rest of this message is the committee's response on behalf of the treasurer to the questions raised at the AGM, with the aim of clarifying and answering them. I would remind you that one of the reasons for the notice period of such meetings is to allow discussion and to ask questions and reach this clarification before the meeting, and I urge you to act on this basis.

Referring to pages 3 and 4 of the minutes, you will see several items of discussion about financial matters. The key ones relevant to the forthcoming meeting are:

1. Question from Maggie Forest as to the extent of the liabilities associated with outstanding levies owed to SCA Inc but no levies are listed in the liabilities section of the report.

Maggie is correct that the levy later paid for 2006-7 was not listed. See note 9 to the report. The "Accounts Payable" section of the report covers invoices or receipts for reimbursement which were presented and due at

the end of the Financial Year, plus payments made during a reasonable but not overlong period after year end, which falls within the range of normal accounting practice. Thus, it omits SCA Inc's affiliation fees, as our records showed that no invoice had been presented nor a call made from SCA Inc for payment at that time.

The levies paid to SCA in September 2008 were \$US336 for 2006-2007 and \$US321 for 2007-2008, totalling \$NZ975.21. The updated account balances in Note 10 of the Financial Report reflect conditions after those payments were made.

2. Comment from Martin "...Kingdom travel fund belongs to kingdom not SCANZ, so should be listed as a liability. Comment from Maggie Forest that listing this as "an asset until such time as there are NZ based Crowns to pay it to is valid accounting."

Maggie is correct. It is important to remember that this report is a mundane document which concerns itself with real mundane entities. Therefore, you will not see anything of the in-game hierarchy of the Kingdom of Lochac in this report.

The treasurer of SCANZ collects Kingdom Levy funds from the NZ branches and deposits these in the Kingdom Travel Fund account, which is shown in the list of assets on page 2 of the report. In a mundane context, this money is simply an asset of SCANZ; we have no obligation to any other mundane person or institution with respect to it.

However, within our Society, we are agreed that this money will be dedicated to specific in-game uses to support the operation of the Kingdom, at the direction of the Chancellor of the Exchequer (an in-game office). A similar argument applies to the accounts for the Herald Astrolabe and Lists.

The SCANZ main account represents the accumulated reserve which is used to fund the normal operation of SCANZ. That is, maintaining insurance cover, paying affiliation fees to SCA Inc, and other administrative costs (see page 1 of the financial report).

There were several other financial issues raised at the AGM, which deserve a response, which I intend to do in a separate message in the near future.

In the meantime, please review the AGM minutes, treasurer's report and

the content of this message. copies of all of these can be found on the SCANZ website at <http://www.sca.org.nz/documents.php>. If you have questions or comments about this or other matters, please make them known to the committee at [committee@sca.org.nz](mailto:committee@sca.org.nz).

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