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Health and Safety Officer vs Chirurgeon – Takes role out of game and would be under the Board, deals with mundane things such as medical conditions, real names, laws around food safety and safe work practices for putting up larger marquees etc. Do we think this is a good idea, if so how do we want to go about implementation? We have roughly a year to decide, as current KC has a year until their warrant ends. Token for last one in position?

Bullying and Harassment Policy - Simon has had a look over it

Constitution Definitions – Need to define shareholder vs member, Secretary to look up legal what is legal difference? Can we define it for our own business as definitions under NFP Law and different to legislation, mostly needed for privacy concerns is adjust Constitution accordingly. members ask for list of other people.

Food Safety Policy – David has joined the Lochac Cook's Guild FB and is gaining information for what is needed for first draft.

NOTE: other actions arising are listed in position reports

NOTE: Rhys left during this section of the meeting due to family commitments and wasn't present for motions voted below or to give his Treasurer's Report.

3 In camera

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4 Speaking as a Board Member/Environmental Scanning

Nicole wishes to ask about members of public handling swords at events that aren't demos, but particularly if those members of public are obviously drunk. Additionally, what to do if members of public start betting on tournament results despite SCA members telling them that is not part of what we do and we don't condone or encourage it.

As long as nothing unsafe occurred and it was done with people taking care when weapons were handled sounds ok and was handled well at the time by talking to them and allowing them to take pics and watch the fighting without interrupting the event/tourney.

David heard interesting comments at Rowany Senate about AI use in Social Media within the SCA. KSMO can answer questions as they are aware of the post this comment likely refers too.

5 Chair's report

After appointing Jeff Niccolson as Youth Deputy (compliance) and Ryan Hanwright as Youth Deputy (Authorisations) last month, I checked in on them a few days ago. Apart from a slight glitch with warrants, which Thalia Brasse has sorted, all is good. The plan is that Ryan is going to process cards and Jeff is going to manage the website and work on ensuring compliance. Jeff says Ryan is "Authorisations" and he is deputy. Lovely when people know how to play well together. There is also news on the Working With Children Card scheme. The summary is that they're working towards making sure that each state and territory recognises working with children approval from each other because (in part) their own checks are national. It's in the works, not done yet. Thank you to Jeff for keeping on top of this.

I was reading a concerning post by a young college student member of the SCA in the United States, and it moved me to ask questions of some of my local former collegians. The problems discussed in the letter from Midrealm don't seem to exist in Lochac. The takeaway I gained from my conversation was that each college is more alike other colleges than any other branch of the SCA. Every college faces its own problems due to Universities becoming more stretched financially. The Combined Colleges seems to be doing a good job. However, as with anything there is room for improvement. I asked what the Board could do to help. Their suggestion was it might be helpful to have a colleges deputy, under the Kingdom Seneschal, to report on issues before they become problems. They suggested that this person could be a former collegian, and perhaps a bit older. Their other suggestion was to ask for feedback using something like a Google poll. Are there any problems or issues? If not, great. If there are problems identified, are they such that SCA Ltd can help?

Secretary to contact Combined Colleges and ask if they would like to discuss feedback of needs with Board either via email or poll

6 Kingdom Seneschal's report

We have a new Kingdom Historian, Mistress Magdalena.

Still following up on when KRM should change over. Why was position extended without being advertised to wider kingdom? Need to talk to KEM.

Riverhaven are asking for previous Seneschal to be approved for writing grants. Secretary has already written to Seneschal of Riverhaven with Grant Fact Sheet and actions that need to be taken.

Secretary to follow up with Riverhaven about Grant Application

Reporting season, things are relatively quiet. New Report Deputy is doing well, all reports are in on time.

Trying new style of report with large synthesis rather than each individual report copy pasted into it. Short form highlights section.

7 Secretary's report

Correspondence Report –

Registrar contacted the Board to notify us of their upcoming end of warrant. Advertisement for position is already underway. We received a nomination for Registrar from Ray Gleeson (Gomez de Crècy). Additionally, Registrar contacted us about how to upload Stat Decs for international members visiting with swords to Victoria. Jeremy Gregson was included in the conversation, and the issue has since been resolved in the Registry database.

Registrar Applications close Sep 11th, Commentary until ~Sep 26th

We were sent Corpora Amendments by SCA Inc (US) regarding changes to the definition of a society event. Feedback was due to SCA Inc by August 6th.

We were again contacted by KW and Society Webminister about vulnerabilities to our IT infrastructure. Kingdom Webminister is across it.

Contacted by Chris Stanley wanting clarification about Marshallate decision.

ASIC Industry Funding Statement has been completed for the 2025/26 FY.

Simon Hoad (Hanbal) contacted KEM, KRM and the Board wanting clarification on rubber band gun use in Victoria. KRM has responded.

We received an application for DEIB Officer from Megan Arthur (Ysabeau Chanteuse) and commentary on the nomination from 3

DEIB Commentary Closes Aug 30th, Applicant notified by Sep 5th

members of the populace. One is hesitant, the other 2 are positive.

We received a nomination to the Board from Jo McKaskill (Cailleadh Dhe inghean Ui Dhubhghaill) in QLD.

Contacted by Debbie Williamson-Gleich about Abbey Festival (again) – have sent Companion card Policy, Code of Conduct and explained our duty of care to them, also reiterated that the event organisers at Abbey Festival override any SCA decisions as the operators of the event itself. There was a rather long email that I can forward to any who wish to read it. TL;DR is that they think SCA Ltd doesn't understand the law around the Companion Card and the Disability Services Act.

Contacted by Jeff Nicholson (Sorle) as Deputy KYO- Compliance, have forwarded email to KYO as they should be able to set up warrant, email and information access for them to perform position.

Secretary has emailed as they also applied for Registrar, asking which position they would prefer.

Secretary no longer able to create Doodle polls for meetings for free (has reached limit), trying WhenAvailable as a free online service instead. If found to be useful will update Secretary Handbook accordingly.

<https://nuudel.digitalcourage.de/> – Milly found and it's free forever, very stripped back.

Acknowledgement of Country – Secretary has still not replied to Crux (original email from June 5th), need to draft reply but would like others input to ensure it doesn't come across as too harsh/stringent on the heralds to state we *must not* say certain things pertaining to Acknowledgement of Country that are political (e.g., "Always was, Always will be"). Simon happy to look over the draft Nicole has prepared.

Secretary to email draft to Simon to look over

Long-term Data Storage options – Secretary has logged into SCA Ltd account with ConnectingUp after initial issues with doubled up account. Dropbox upgrade is not FREE as first thought but does give 40% discount to NFP, but it locks in that rate until cancelled (doesn't increase after 12 months). Rate is \$126.00/yr for Dropbox Advanced and requires a minimum of 3 users on the account to activate it (which we already have: chair, treasurer and secretary plus others personal emails). I'll leave it open for others to discuss if they think this is worth the money or not, or if we should continue looking into other options?

David has raised concerns in email (sent July 13th) and asked some questions about security, recoverability, auditing of file changes (version history) and notes we need to update policies to not include "Dropbox" directly but a blanket statement such as "Dropbox or similar cloud storage solution".

Main issue with Dropbox is each person making updates has to be user with account. Could limit files to read only and limit who can access and upload, edit files, might be another way around.

8 Treasurer's report

As at 21 Aug 2026, there was \$14,869 in the Corporate account and \$3,255 in the Credit Card. There was \$11,593 in the PayPal

account; note that we are now using Westpac OnlinePay rather than PayPal for memberships so that account will be closed in due course.

Rebecca Garnsey has taken on being our voluntary accountant and has been tidying up the accounts. For instance, she (with help from Nico) has been reducing duplicate identities, e.g. if you've been around for a few years there may be 12 versions of your name.

Rebecca has the new version of the Financial Policy for comment. I am declining to pursue her on this until after Spring Crown which she is running.

Treasurer to contact Rebecca post-Spring Crown

As indicated above, with some excellent work by Nico we have changed over from PayPal for memberships, which halves the fees and seems to be easier to administer. I have asked him to look at event payments too, so we can get rid of PayPal entirely.

On the Information Management Policy, as mentioned last meeting I want to bring some specific issues to the Board for discussion. However, I want some clear air and recovery time from the current controversy.

I do still want to add Risk as an agenda item, as our insurance is contingent on having a good process. I note that Gib has been a key player in this and has been busy lately.

May need to contact David Hurst to be involved with Risk Management Policy

9 General Business

None

10 Motions out of Session

None

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 7.30pm AEST September 16th, 2026 (Australian Eastern Standard Time)
(to be updated according to poll results)

Meeting Close

9:34pm

Actions to be completed	
All:	Look at generating policy similar to SCANZ around Warranted Officers and how, when and who warrants them, scope of roles, etc. Health and Safety Officer vs Surgeon – to be more inline with SCANZ and take it out of game and into mundane realm. Need someone to take it on Board to provide feedback on Information Management policy to Rhys
Chair:	-
Secretary:	Email Simon with reply to Crux with our concerns and ideas RE: Acknowledgement of Country Secretary to upload July Minutes to Website Secretary to get Warranted Officer Policy from SCANZ and adjust to fit SCAA Ltd Secretary to look up Shareholder vs Member definitions under NFP Law and if we can define it in our Constitution as a company or not Secretary to contact Combined Colleges and ask if they would like to discuss feedback of needs with Board either via email or poll Secretary to follow up with Riverhaven about Grant Application Registrar Applications close Sep 11 th , Commentary open Sep 12 th until ~Sep 26 th DEIB Commentary Closes Aug 30 th , Applicant notified by ~Sep 5 th Secretary has emailed Jo McKaskill as they applied for Registrar and BoD, asking which position they would prefer.
Treasurer:	Information Management Policy to be sent to Board for continued revisions Look into amount to increase membership fees in the next 12-18 months

	Contact Rebecca Garnsey for Financial Policy feedback (post-Spring Crown)
Kingdom seneschal:	-
Other	Simon to discuss digital authorisation cards with Jeremy Gregson and Alex West. David and Simon need to enter fighters chat to bring UI and database together. Craig to continue following up siege weapons with KEM and Society Marshalate Constitution definitions need amending to add shareholder vs member David to contact new Lochac Cook's Guild head to go over Food Safety Policy updates Simon to continue updating Bullying and Harassment Policy Simon to continue collecting evidence from Barony officers and reach out to Simon Gerrard directly Health and Safety Officer vs Chirurgeon – Board has roughly 12 months to decide and make amendments for when current KC steps down/changes over Risk Policy/Management – may need to contact David Hurst (Gib) as they have extensive Risk Management background and are willing to help with policy