

Summary of Jarls meeting Rochdale 12th/13th November 1994

The meeting spent almost a day and a half discussing and amending the Society constitution. At times this was like having teeth pulled without anaesthetic. But the it was handled by the Konnungr in a business-like fashion and eventually all came away satisfied. All those present stood and observed the 2-minute silence at 11 o'clock on Sunday.

The following items were then discussed under 'Any Other Business'.

TRAINING WEEKEND. See newsletter attached for date and venue. Weather permitting this will concentrate on training NOT testing warriors. A separate training week-end is being planned for non-combat skills.

SHOW REGISTRATION. All group leaders are responsible for registering their members at shows. No registration - No attendance points !

IMPROVISED WEAPONS. Village occupants should not use improvised weapons (Ladels, Cauldrons (no I'm not joking), Pitchforks etc.) unless

- They have recieved prior safety training,
- It is part of a scripted scene (e.g. torturing the prisoner).

SHIELD TRASHING. The deliberate smashing of opponents shields during combat must stop ! If warriors wish to arrange the destruction of a shield during the show they must inform the organisers in advance. Deliberate damage to an opponents equipment may result in disciplinary action.

CROSS-DRESSING. All members are reminded that EH do not allow half-and-half dress (e.g. chainmail and trainers, kyrtle and glasses) at their sites while the public are present.

FREELDADING. Last year some members went to EH shows and never even changed into kit, let alone took part in the show. This practice MUST cease immediately ! If you attend an EH event as a member you must be prepared to participate in some capacity.

INCAPACITATING WOUNDS. Warriors are falling down dead too easily. The majority of dark age weapons would not produce an instant kill. If you receive a 'killing' shot to the leg you should writhe and cry out in agony until either rescued or finished off.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS. All members must carry their membership cards at EH events next year.

SHOW CALENDER. See newsletter attached.

UPPER ARMS & 'TIP-TAP' FIGHTING. Since the introduction of the 'Lethal Character' requirement the standard of combat has improved noticeably. There are no plans to introduce upper arm shots as this only encourages the 'tip-tap' school of fighting.

RECRUITMENT & GROUP STATUS. All groups should be recruiting. Those Herreds whose total membership remains below 10 will be reduced to Leithangs with effect from the Porchester show.

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER SOCIETIES. All those present welcome the opportunity to stage events with Regia Anglorum on two conditions:-

- 1) A neutral third party has overall responsibility for organisation,
- 2) Both parties receive equal P.A. treatment.

Whilst individual members of the IVA are welcome to participate as guests at NFPS shows, it is not possible to allow them 'free guest' status due to insurance requirements. (This is also true for members of Regia). The society would welcome the opportunity to stage joint shows with the IVA once their organisation has matured.

LIST OF SHAME. After debate this will not now be published. Instead, any warrior who feels their opponent has deliberately ignored a valid hit should report the matter to the society training officer (through their own group leader or training officer if they wish). He will keep a note of such reports and persistent offenders may be subject to disciplinary action.

ARMSGUARDS. This matter was raised as some warriors are still not wearing them. It was suggested that they become 'recommended' not compulsory. Further debate will take place at the next meeting.

SOCIETY SPIRIT. Some present felt that some spirit had gone out of the society due to members not remaining in costume socially. Others pointed out that 'free time' is just that and that we can't force anyone to dress up to go to the pub.

VIDEO & LEAFLET. The new society promotional video was viewed and copies distributed to all groups. Further copies are available at £5 each. These are intended for potential clients to view before booking. The leaflet, of which we have approx 100, is intended for the same use.

Meeting closed 5.30pm.

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This is only the first instalment, more shows, including possibly THREE filming dates, are expected at the next Jarls meeting. In the meantime if you want to go to either of the first two shows speak to me as soon as possible.

* Denotes a MAJOR show.

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| 3rd December '94 | Pudsey Civic Hall. Leeds. |
| 15th January '95 | Odinist/Rune conference, Wolverhampton. |
| February | Society Winter Banquet. Oxford. |
| 1st/2nd April | Training Weekend (Combat) Rochdale rugby club. |
| 14/15/16/17th (Easter) | * Forchester Castle Sussex. Show for English Heritage. |
| 20th May | St Micheals School. Aldershot. Minor show with Living history and combat. |
| 28/29th May (Whitsun) | * Tynemouth. Show for English Heritage. |
| 25th June | Farming World, Nash Court, near Faversham, Kent. |
| 1st July | Warrington Fete. |
| 26th August | Poynton, Cheshire. |
| 14/15th October | * Battle of Hastings 1066. Battle, Sussex. Major show for English Heritage re-fighting the most important battle in English history on the original battlefield. |

Well that's all for now,
I look forward to seeing you soon.

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