

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Meeting Held Monday, August 28, 2017
At Sidetrax Sacramento, 2007 K Street, Sacramento, CA
Minutes Prepared by Gerald Filice, Emperor XL, Secretary

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Johnathan Cameron, who presided at the meeting. Other Board members attending were Vice President Jeo Treto, Treasurer Jake Bradley-Rowe, Secretary Gerald Filice, Rocky Citi, Brett Anderson, Garret Reid, Hillary Glueck-Pratali, Robert Collins, Spade Ransom, Paul Crouch, and Ronnie Miranda.

Absent were members Blake Holloway and Dennis Seguin (both excused for work).

Matt Thereoux was initially absent due to work but arrived late.

Visitors included Emperor 39, Clarmundo Sullivan, and ICP 42 Patricia St. James (Patrick Farris).

President's Remarks

The president urged everyone to keep their points short and succinct, given that we had many issues to cover at the meeting.

Secretary Report:

The Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on July 31, 2017, were presented. On motion of Treasurer Jake, seconded by Vice President Jeo, the Minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.

The Secretary noted that there were missing minutes from the 2016-17 Reign. After discussion (during which it was recalled by the president there was no August 2016 meeting due to lack of quorum) it appears that we are missing the September and December 2016 Minutes, and the March 2017 Minutes, as well as some Special Meeting Minutes. Brett has notes of the Special Meetings which he will transcribe.

The Secretary will continue his efforts to locate the missing Minutes.

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer presented his written report.

He noted that the Federal and State tax returns had been filed.

We are awaiting receipt of \$200.00 from Ducal Ball program ads. The Ducal Ball weekend generated a profit of \$497.00.

Imperial Court fundraising has so far exceeded \$6,000.00 during this Reign. Congratulations to the Monarchs!

Monarchs' Court Report:

Empress Brett (Betty Booger) and Emperor Rocky presented the Monarchs' report.

Brett asked for volunteers to operate a gate at Rainbow Festival. We are to receive a share of the proceeds

of the gate (10% of the proceeds).

The Panda Express fundraiser raised \$73.99 for CGNIE.

Upcoming events: Alameda Imperial Coronation, and San Francisco Ducal Coronation. The Monarchs and some others planned to attend the Coronation in Washington, D.C., on September 7.

It was discussed that CGNIE has the opportunity to host the Jose Honors Awards in connection with our Coronation in April 2018. Doing so would substantially increase attendance at our Coronation, and increase the prestige of the Sacramento Court. The Board briefly discussed logistics of hosting the Awards. To this end, Empress Brett (Betty) moved to apply to host the event, subject to our determining what the costs of doing so would be. Vice President Jeo seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved. Brett would report at a subsequent Board meeting what the anticipated costs and logistical requirements would be.

Ducal House Report:

Grand Duchess Ronnie Miranda (Renita) thanked everyone for support during the year, and for helping with the Ducal Ball. "That's it," said Ronnie.

A few other matters were discussed. The awards to have been presented at the Ducal Ball had been misplaced. Jeo said someone had left them in a box in the bathroom at Faces, but they had been recovered. [short break taken at 7:00 p.m. for Jeo to retrieve the awards. Meeting resumed at 7:05.] Jeo handed the box of awards to Ronnie, who would send them to the recipients.

Grand Duke Regent Spade stated that the Ducal House charity disbursements would go to Golden Rule Services and the NorCal Aids Challenge (NCAC). President Johnathan mentioned there may be a conflict of interest to make the donation to Golden Rule Services, inasmuch as Spade is employed there. Treasurer Jake advised us that he had spoken to CGNIE's Certified Public Accountant, and that there was a rule or law which prohibited a donation given such a conflict of interest. Clarmundo stated that he had consulted a corporation lawyer in the past (since this issue has come up before) who had told him that there wasn't a conflict of interest and the donation could be made, and that he could obtain confirmation of that again. Secretary Gerald proposed that the matter be tabled to allow the professionals to provide their opinions. No opposition being heard, the matter was tabled.

President Johnathan observed that, either way, the monies available for charitable distribution by several Reigns and the Ducal House would be donated to charities, at an event where media and beneficiaries would be invited and full regalia would be expected of Court members.

As their terms have now ended, Ronnie Miranda and Spade Ransom (Royal-Gotti) were excused from the Board of Directors, with the thanks of the Board for their service.

3 M Report:

No report.

La Kish Scholarship Fund Report:

La Kish chair Garrett reported. He stated it had been his goal to give out \$1,000.00 of scholarships at Rainbow Festival. So far, this year over \$5,000.00 has been raised for the scholarships. Congratulations Garrett!

Garrett noted that he, Jake and Gerald had reviewed the applications for scholarships which were received, and that we had approved three applications -- two for \$500, and one for \$250. The \$250 award was for an

immediate need; one of the others would be given privately at the request of the beneficiary, and the other given publicly.

There would be another Sunday Fund-Day at the Bolt on September 10. Anyone wishing to help may do so. Garrett will ask the winner of Mr. Bolt Leather title to participate.

Also, one of the gates at the Rainbow Festival was allowed to be staffed by CGNIE on behalf of the La Kish Scholarship Fund, with the Fund receiving 10% of the proceeds.

Fairy Godfathers Fund Report:

Chair Dennis Seguin was absent and thus there was no report. However, president Johnathan informed us that a recent beneficiary was already in the process of raising the replacement monies to repay the Fund, per our new policy.

Old Business:

A. Jake reported that Queen Mother Nicole the Great had announced that Jake was an Heir Apparent, as the Board had requested. Jake thanked the Board for its support.

B. Policies and Procedures Discussion: Each officer and Chair is to provide a proposed description of his/her duties for inclusion in the policies and procedures manual of the Corporation. Given the number of events in September, this information is requested before the October Board meeting.

C. Court logo discussion is tabled until a future meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel. This matter will not be reported publicly at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.