

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Meeting Held Monday, February 26, 2018
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. Of the total of 12 currently seated Board members, the following additional Board members attended: Vice President Jeo Treto, Treasurer Jake Bradley-Rowe, Secretary Gerald Filice, Rocky Citi, Brett Anderson, Garret Reid, Paul Crouch, Robert Collins and Blake Holloway.

Absent were members Hillary Glueck-Pratali (excused due to work), and Matt Theroux (not excused).

Guests included Empress 40, Misha Rockafeller (Michael Kennedy).

President's Remarks

The President thanked everyone for a spectacular presence at the San Francisco Imperial Coronation which we just attended. The Queen Mother, the Emperor 1 of the Americas, the San Francisco Monarchs and others all commented. We have stepped up our game, and are receiving notoriety for it.

We will discuss end of year awards at the next meeting, and lifetime titles and proclamations. The president warned against attempting to give honorary monarch titles, which are frowned upon. Rocky offered to send his to the Board in advance, but the President said that wasn't necessary.

Secretary Report:

The Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on January 29, 2018, were presented.

MOTION:

On the motion of Jeo, seconded by Jake, the Minutes of the January 29, 2018, meeting as presented were unanimously approved.

The Secretary then presented a proposed voting schedule for the election of the new Monarchs and Community Board seats. After discussion, it was decided to hold the election on Sunday, April 15, 2018, 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the Kennedy Gallery, and 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Bolt Bar (subject to getting permission as to both), so as to involve the Bolt patrons in the process.

MOTION:

On motion of Jeo, seconded by Jake, the voting schedule and locations described above were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer presented his written report. To summarize his comments:

-\$826 was raised at the Mr. and Miss Gay Sacramento Pageant.

-Coronation room block is almost sold out – we need another hotel.

-CGNIE's liability insurance policy no longer includes Rainbow Festival (there had been discussion of continuing to do so for some minor cost savings, but ultimately it was considered better to separate them since CGNIE is no longer running Rainbow Festival).

Monarchs' Court Report:

The Monarchs reported. Their last travel before Coronation would be the New York Coronation.

As for our Coronation: Guests to the Dais and Command Performers had almost all been arranged. The pins to be given guests of the event were in process. Rocky was almost done making his awards. The president stated he didn't want to read the Monarchs' letters in advance, and would leave it to them, but counseled them to take care as it is a lasting statement.

2 program ads had been sold; Stolichnaya had pledged a \$600 sponsorship.

Delta Work from RuPaul Drag Race would be a Command.

The ICP Ball is now scheduled for April 7, 2018. It was rescheduled to avoid a conflict with the memorial for Patrice, a well-loved and -respected Court member from San Francisco.

Jake informed us that he and Kirk would hold a reception for out of town Coronation VIPs and the Board on Thursday of Coronation weekend, April 19.

Past Monarchs will walk in the Second Act just before crowning.

LGBTQ Report (Mr. and Miss Gay Sacramento)

No report.

Scholarships:

Chair Garrett reported:

The Annual Expose' will be March 31 at Faces. Preparations are almost complete.

The Scholarship webpage and applications had been updated (subject to some edits remaining).

Fairy Godfathers Fund Report:

As agreed at the last meeting, we discussed the disposition of the funds we raised for the Fairy Godfathers Fund. \$2,861.06 remained.

MOTION:

Garrett moved to donated the funds to the Sunburst project, and jeo seconded. On a vote being taken, it was unanimously approved. \$1,000 of the Funds would be presented this near, the balance the next. This was also unanimously approved by the movant, seconder, and the entire Board.

Other Matters:

Oscars event: cancelled.

Jose Honors: Preparations were basically complete. Gerald rejoined the Committee.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was discussed.

MOTION:

On motion made by Jeo and seconded by Garrett, and unanimously approved, this Award will be named the Empress Billy Tree Lifetime Achievement Award.

Other awards were also discussed, to be finalized at the next meeting.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m., and the Board went into Executive Session.

After discussion during the Executive Session, it was decided (by a vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention) to inform past monarchs Deneka Ashley St. James and Santos Rosales St. James in writing that they were no longer welcome at any CGNIE event.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:39 p.m.