

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Meeting Held Monday, May 29, 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: Treasurer Jake Bradley-Rowe, Secretary Gerald Filice, Devon Musgrow, Robert Collins, Brett Anderson, Garret Reid, Paul Crouch, Hillary Glueck-Pratali, and Enrique Manjarrez.

Absent were members Jeo Treto (arrived late) and Michael Kennedy (excused).

Guest: Michael Lafreniere

We had a quorum.

President's Remarks

The President noted it had been a very busy month of May, with several coronations and our Investitures, which was great. He congratulated the Board. The President commented specifically on the excellent turnout for Investitures from previous monarchs (Empresses Chelsea and Racine, for example).

Secretary Report:

The Secretary had not been able to prepare Minutes from the last meeting, so that was deferred.

Treasurer Report:

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

-Over \$75,000 gross was raised during our fiscal year May 1, 2017-April 30, 2018, with a net profit of \$26,000. It was a great year financially for the organization.

-Coronation itself profited about \$6,000. Jose Honors was slightly in the black, but likely caused Coronation to be more profitable due to the larger attendance.

-Victory Brunch was fairly costly, and it was noted that Terry Sidie had offered to subsidize the extra expenses over the amount we had budgeted. However, given that Coronation was already profitable,

MOTION:

Brett moved, and Gerald seconded, to relieve Terry Sidie from his promise to subsidize Victory Brunch. The Motion passed unanimously.

On another matter, Jerry Coletti donated \$250 to CGNIE, through an online service, but we never received it. Research suggested that it might have been accidentally diverted to Golden Rule Services, since that entity had processed some of CGNIE's donations in the past. Enrique suggested that if Golden Rule Services received an accidental donation which it couldn't account for, it might create problems for them, and so we would reach out to Clarmundo of Golden Rule Services to find out if the donation went there.

Our financial success also allowed the Board to set aside funds to acquire new Emperor and Empress State Crowns for the Monarchs' use during their reigns (to be returned for crowning the new Monarchs).

MOTION:

Jake moved, and Enrique seconded, to apply \$1,200 toward acquiring new Emperor and Empress crowns, for the use of the Monarchs each year, but to be returned at the end of the reign for the use of succeeding Monarchs. The design of the crowns would be delegated to the College of Monarchs. We would seek to have the crowns designed and made by Thorin & Co. The Motion was unanimously approved.

There was discussion of also preparing to set aside an additional \$2,000 toward the 50th Anniversary celebrations, which fund was founded last year. No specific action was taken.

Board members were reminded that each one of them is responsible for raising \$1,000 during the year toward administrative expenses. It was noted that Board member contracts were needed.

Vice President Jeo arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Scholarships:

Chair Garrett reported:

Garrett is lining up performers for the Empress Expose. He asked all Board members to use Facebook invites to generate more attendance.

The first \$1,000 raised at the event will go to replenish the Larry Macy Memorial Scholarship account, and amounts over that will be for the LaKish account.

Monarchs' Court Report:

Monarchs Robert Collins (Jena Un Dent) and Devon Musgrow reported.

So far they are having a wonderful time.

Investitures raised \$650 through Facebook alone.

San Francisco Pride gate volunteering was in preparation, and we are looking for volunteers. Michael Kennedy is organizing it.

There will be a memorial for Emperor Paul Becerra on July 8 at the Mercantile Saloon, doors at 4:00, show at 5:00. The bar is donating some food. CGNIE will also contribute food. However, so far the bar is insisting that food be professionally catered. Enrique (who is in the catering and restaurant business) pointed out that catered food wasn't necessary since there is no kitchen at the bar. The matter would be discussed and investigated further and finalized at the next Board meeting.

The Monarchs are working on the calendar for their year. Reno Coronation is approaching, as is Sacramento Pride. Clint (Mr. Gay) has a trailer lined up for our parade presentation. July 10 is Gay Skate Night. Christmas in July will also be held. Details to follow.

The president would like Board members who haven't yet been assigned tasks to have some specific duties. Garrett volunteered to handle all Facebook fundraising. Brett volunteered to handle all other social media aspects.

The Executive Committee is to meet soon to outline the 2019 Coronation.

Other Business

Garett mentioned that Michael Lafreniere ("Pocket") has a lifetime title, but was not aware by the time of the first meeting that he could stand for a Board seat. He is interested in doing so, but hadn't yet made up his mind.

MOTION:

Garett moved, and Jeo seconded, to offer Michael Lafreniere a Board seat if he wanted one. He could tell us in the future. The Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. and Miss Gay were discussed. Paul reported they were active.

Board members need to pay dues.

ICC Report – Jake: The ICC asks that people vote at the upcoming primary election; it is promoting breast cancer awareness and selling \$5 pins; it is initiating Facebook pages for trans people and women; and as this is the 20th anniversary of Matthew Shepard's murder, the ICC asks that we do a fundraiser for the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

The ICC formally appointed Coco LaChine and Rob Surreal as the successors to Nicole Murray Ramirez.

The President reminded us about the Jello Shot fundraiser, which was very successful for the Court last year.

He also reminded us that when running or participating in Court events at bars, be timely, and respect the space. The bars need to operate its business, and when we are allowed to use a slot of time, we should never encroach beyond that.

Meeting adjourned 8:09 p.m.