

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Meeting Held Tuesday, June 27, 2017
At Badlands Sacramento, 2003 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, Dennis Seguin, Rocky Citi, Brett Anderson, Garret Reid, Blake Holloway, Matt Theroux, Robert Collins, Spade Ransom, Paul Crouch, and Ronnie Miranda.

Absent was Board member Hillary Glueck-Pratali (excused due to work).

Visitors included Empress 40, Misha Rockefeller (Emperor 38 Michael Kennedy).

President's Remarks:

The president congratulated the Court for putting a lot of positive energy out there. The CGNIE-designed and run events in Reno particularly created a lot of positive buzz, but it was also true for the Court's involvement in Alameda. It will help bring people to the Court and to our Coronation.

Secretary Report:

The Minutes of the May 30, 2017, Board meeting were presented. The Secretary noted that the word "Organizational" in the title would be deleted. As modified, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Jeo moved to add to the Directors' contracts that they are required to raised \$1,000 during the fiscal year for administrative expenses of the corporation; Ronnie seconded. Extensive discussion ensued. The motion was modified at the request of Jake and with the consent of Jeo and Ronnie to provide that the Directors chairing the LaKish Scholarship Fund and the Fairy Godfathers Fund would not be required to raise money for the corporation's administrative costs, since all the proceeds that they raise would be expected to go to their respective Funds; however, they would still be required to raise no less than \$1,000 for their respective Funds during each fiscal year. As modified, the motion was passed unanimously.

The Secretary sought a formal motion regarding whether to post the Treasurer's

Reports on the website. It has been the practice of CGNIE to do so when such reports were available, however Treasurer Jake had stated previously that nonprofit organizations generally do not do so since it is not required. Instead, as the Treasurer pointed out, the Internal Revenue Code requires different disclosures of such information, which we would follow as part of our 501(c)(3) status. Gerald moved to not post Treasurer's Reports on the website, seconded by Garrett, and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer presented his report. He noted that the books from 2014 to the present are current. He had also calculated the amounts available to be donated from different reigns.

The 41st Reign (Emperor Matt Bunch, and Regent Emperesses Do-Me Moore and Kristara) had \$2,500 remaining to donate. On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the donation of this amount (the recipient was not indicated, and this would be decided subsequently).

The 43rd Reign (Emperor Jeo and Empress Taryn Thru-U) had \$2,104.32 remaining to donate. The intent is to have a public event in consultation with the Board and the Treasurer for giving the donation(s). Generally (though perhaps not for this particular donation) Imperial Court donations should be spread throughout the year.

On motion duly made and seconded, and passed unanimously, the above donation amounts and policies were approved.

Monarchs' Court Report:

Empress Brett (Betty Booger) and Emperor Rocky presented the Monarchs' report. Brett passed out an updated calendar of events. Following on similar comments made by the President in the last meeting, the Monarchs requested that the Board help them with events and keep them accountable.

There is a fundraiser at Chipotle on July 6, 2017, with half of the sales during a designated several hours going to CGNIE. This is in line with not trying to rely just on drag shows for fundraising.

It was discussed between the Board and the Monarchs that the Monarchs must identify the specific charities they intend to benefit during their Reign. They were asked to do so by the deadline of July 14, 2017.

Regarding the 2018, 44th Coronation of CGNIE, Brett presented the cost of Turn Verein hall as the venue, for April 21, 2018. The Secretary moved to approved Turn Verein on April 21, 2018, as the venue, Jeo seconded, and it was passed unanimously. The

deposit will be paid to Turn Verein. Jake mentioned he would contact Turn Verein to start negotiations for a multi-year contract with Turn Verein so as to obtain a lower rental rate.

Ducal House Report:

The report was delivered by Regent Grand Duke Spade. Ducal Ball was discussed. The YWCA doesn't have sufficient air conditioning, so it was rejected as a venue.

Another venue, the Arden Star Hotel, was discussed. The ball room was to accommodate 100 people, and there would be no hotel room guarantee. We would need a stage and spotlight. All issues were addressed and provided for, and Garrett moved to approve the budget and hold the ball at said venue. The motion was duly seconded, and all voted in favor, except Dennis, who abstained.

Racine remains the Ball Coordinator, and Patricia St. James is helping with decorations.

The Archducal Ball remains for July 16, 2017.

The Grand Duke and Duchess confirmed they had not lead any volunteers at the gates of San Francisco Pride, so no funds would be forthcoming from there.

3 M Report:

No report.

La Kish Scholarship Fund Report:

La Kish chair Garrett reported. July 29 is the Empress Expose. He may have a photographer present (with permission of Faces).

He is making available to the Monarchs the Jello shot fundraiser at the Bolt on July 30, 2017, which he had initially reserved for LaKish.

Garrett discussed the requirements for getting a sponsorship from Union Bank. These requirements can inform us when seeking sponsorships from other corporate donors.

Garrett is still seeking scholarship applicants. The deadline is July 31.

The Board discussed empaneling a committee to review scholarship applications.

It was also discussed that the scholarship program had been modified several years ago to include all forms of study, not just the arts, by resolution of the Board.

Misha reminded everyone about the availability of grants from the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission.

Fairy Godfathers Fund Report:

Chair Dennis Seguin discussed the Fairy Godfathers Fund and reported some changes.

He would continue to evaluate applications as they are received.

Recipients would be required to fundraise to replace all the funds advanced.

All funds advanced would continue to be paid solely to vendors or providers (such as funeral homes), and would not be given to individual applicants.

At the Empress Expose on July 30 Dennis would conduct a raffle, the proceeds of which would go to the Fairy Godfathers Fund.

Old Business:

A. Discussion of Policies and Procedures was tabled until the next meeting.

B. The matter of the status of the Ducal House was discussed.

Vice President Jeo moved to place the Ducal House on a 5-year “hiatus” or suspension. Emperor Rocky seconded the motion. The motion was presented in writing (a copy will be attached to these Minutes for reference purposes). Discussion followed.

Robert stated he thought 5 years was too long, and recommended 3 years instead. Both Jeo and Rocky accepted the amendment to 3 years, such that it would be reviewed by the Board about that time. The hiatus would not be changed until the Board determines to do so – the Ducal House would not be reinstated automatically.

Garett suggested that the Ducal seats on the Board instead be allocated to community elected seats. This was not acted upon further at the meeting.

Rocky concurred that 3 years was better than 5 years. He also commented that the court needs to work on its lines of succession, and that there was a need to focus all the Court’s energy on continuing to rebuild the Court Imperial to ensure the success of the overall corporation.

Grand Duchess Ronnie stated his view that the Ducal titles were stepping stones to the Monarch titles.

President Johnathan noted, however, that most courts look to their ICPs and Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay titleholders for the succession. This Court has not done a good job

mentoring the Ducal titleholders. He also noted that this would not affect existing Grand Duke and Duchess titleholders, and that an event in the spring each year would be held to acknowledge them (perhaps in conjunction with Coronation).

The Secretary stated his support for the motion as modified.

The question was called, and a vote was taken. In favor were V.P. Jeo, Secretary Gerald, Empress Brett, Dennis, Paul, Treasurer Jake, Matt, and Emperor Rocky. Abstaining were Garrett, Robert and Grand Duchess Ronnie. There were no votes against. Accordingly, the motion passed. (Grand Duke Spade and Blake had already left the meeting due to work commitments.)

Garrett proposed that at the next meeting we should discuss the 3M selection process and the disposition of the two Ducal Board seats.

C. The schedule of the regular Board meetings was discussed. Garrett moved to change it to the last Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., at Sidetrax, seconded by Jeo. It passed unanimously.

New Business:

Garrett raised the issue of the Facebook page and website. Jeo moved that the Vice President and Secretary be the Administrators of the Facebook page and website, while the Treasurer and the LaKish and Fairy Godfathers Fund Chairs would be editors. After the motion was duly seconded, all voted in favor, except Ronnie, who abstained.

Jake as Dean of the College of Monarchs noted that upcoming Monarch reviews would be on July 31 at 5:30, November 27, 2017, and March 26, 2018.

Misha congratulated the Court on a fabulous presentation in Reno. The Board congratulated Misha for his tremendous efforts regarding the anointing of Emperor 1 of the Americas, Terry Sidie.

Misha brought up her protocol as Empress 40, which was to use the term "Camellia" in the name of each Reign. The protocol has generally not been followed since. Misha agreed to contact past Monarchs and get copies of their proclamations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.