

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Meeting Held Tuesday, May 30, 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 6:36 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, Hillary Glueck-Pratali, Robert Collins, and Ronnie Miranda.

Absent was Board member Matt Theroux (excused due to work).

Guests attending included Regent Grand Duke Spade Royal-Gotti, Paul Crouch, and Clarmundo Sullivan.

### President's Remarks:

The president congratulated the 44<sup>th</sup> Reign and the Ducal House for great fundraising last month. He went on to indicate that we want to be positive and transparent, and that he and Treasurer Jake are in the process of auditing the organization's financial records for the past two years in the hope of verifying that there are funds available for the past two Reigns to make donations to charity. It is also his intent to publish the names of organizations benefitted by CGNIE donations (not the amounts, names only). The financial records are now being kept in a new and improved format.

### Secretary Report:

The Minutes of the April 25, 2017, Board meeting were presented. The only proposed correction was that Board member Miranda's first name is "Ronnie" not Ronald. On motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes were approved with said modification, will all voting in favor except Ronnie Miranda, who abstained.

### Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer presented his report, including a balance sheet and profit and loss statement in a new and improved format. One benefit is that he will now have the ability to timely dispute bank charges, which otherwise become undisputable after a certain amount of time. Also, a running accounting of the split of fundraising proceeds, 70% to

charity and 30% to administration, will be presented with the reports to help the Monarchs and Ducals to keep better track of the money available for donations and expenses. The Treasurer noted he is still trying to get records from the staff of Faces Nightclub, which had been maintaining the records while Terry Sidie was treasurer.

Visitor Clarmundo Sullivan suggested including copies of bank statements with the financial reports. The Treasurer responded that while it was good for transparency, they would be difficult for the Board to quickly review. The President expressed his view that summaries of the accounts should be presented in the Treasurer reports. No formal motion was made and no vote was taken on these matters.

The President also noted that whenever a Board member receives a reimbursement it will be specifically disclosed to the Board. As an example, the President has requested reimbursement of some expenses related to the Pride float being created by CGNIE.

The Treasurer noted that he did not believe it was appropriate under Roberts Rules of Order for the Board to vote to approve his reports. Accordingly, no vote was taken as to his report. The Secretary asked whether the unapproved reports should be published on the CGNIE website as has been CGNIE's custom and practice, and the Treasurer indicated in the affirmative, however no motion was made and no vote taken on this issue.

#### Monarchs' Court Report:

Empress Brett (Betty Booger) and Emperor Rocky presented the Monarchs' report. Brett passed out a calendar of events planned during the Reign as well as a list of fundraisers. The President asked Board members to assist the Monarchs with their fundraising events.

Logistical matters pertaining to the Sacramento Pride Parade and CGNIE's float entry were discussed.

Garett mentioned in connection with the float that he had arranged with Home Depot (Natomas store) to recognize CGNIE as a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity, thus no sales tax would be paid on purchases there.

Of the Board members, only Matt Theroux had not yet paid his Court dues.

Brett possessed approximately \$400 in cash for a promotional fund, raised for our Court by other courts following Coronation. The money is to be promptly delivered to Treasurer Jake for depositing.

#### Addition of New Board Members:

A motion was made and seconded to fill two vacant seats on the Board of Directors. It

passed unanimously.

For the first seat, Spade Royal-Gotti was nominated. There being no other nominees, and after a secret ballot of Board members being taken, Spade was elected to the Board.

For the second seat, Paul Crouch was nominated. There being no other nominees, and after a secret ballot of Board members being taken, Paul was elected to the Board.

#### Ducal House Report:

The report was delivered by Regent Grand Duke Spade. Ducal Ball was discussed. The dates of August 18-20 were discussed, with the traditional In Town/Out of Town Show, Hospitality, Coronation and Victory Brunch. It was proposed that Ronald Harper (Racine) and Spade be the Ball Coordinators, and a third was being looked for.

Spade presented a proposed budget, and sources of income which could be used to pay for the Ball, which are: Mama's Shake and Bake in Alameda; and volunteering at the gates at San Francisco Pride June 24-25. The Secretary noted that the amount of money raised by volunteering at Pride wouldn't be known until well after the Ducal Ball is held. Other fundraisers were proposed. They have avoided conflicts with the Imperial calendar.

The Archducal Ball would be July 16.

The desired venue for the Ducal Ball itself is the YWCA on 17<sup>th</sup> and L Streets, Sacramento.

The President emphasized that the event be planned so as to not lose money.

Other logistical issues were discussed.

The Board members would provide a potluck hospitality.

Garett indicated reluctance to invest in the cost of a Ducal Ball.

The President indicated he was more willing, though he reiterated his position that it could well be held at a bar, where there would be no venue costs, though bar sales would be lost to the organization.

Treasurer Jake moved to accept the proposed budget as updated, Paul seconded. The vote was 10 yes, 2 abstaining.

Garett noted that only an officer can sign an agreement for the venue and other items.

### 3 M Report:

The Monarchs indicated they had cancelled the Mr. Gay pageant, and were working on improving it. No dates had been set yet, possibly February or November.

### La Kish Scholarship Fund Report:

La Kish chair Garrett reported. \$620 had been raised selling Jello shots at the Bolt. The Bolt has been very supportive.

The most recent show for La Kish raised \$1,014. \$825 was raised at the Oscar event at Badlands for La Kish. Garrett has another show planned for July 29 at Faces.

### Fairy Godfathers Fund Report:

There was no substantive report from chair Dennis.

### Other Items:

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

Acquiring a storage unit at 21<sup>st</sup> and R was discussed, at a cost of \$1,079 per year. After motion made by Jake and seconded by Dennis, it was unanimously approved.

It was noted that Board member Matt cannot attend Tuesday Board meetings due to an ongoing work conflict, and it was discussed moving the Board meetings to Mondays. The President asked Board members to contact him with their views and schedules regarding changing the day of meetings. No motion was made, and no vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.