

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Meeting Held Monday, July 31, 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 6:40 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, Hillary Glueck-Pratali, Robert Collins, Spade Ransom, Paul Crouch, and Ronnie Miranda.

Matt Thereoux was initially absent due to work but arrived late (as indicated below).

Visitors included Emperor 39, Clarmundo Sullivan, and ICP 40 Christina (Chris) Taylor.

President's Remarks:

The president congratulated the Court for a good, solid month of fundraising as well as appearances at multiple locations on the Imperial Court circuit. He reported that the memorial show for recently deceased Monique Moore was good but surreal. Also the president formally notified the Board of the passing of Absolute Empress Remy Martin of the San Francisco Mother Court. Remy was very important to our brothers and sisters in San Francisco, and the president urged us individually to reach out to members of that Court.

The president went on to discuss a Facebook post by Mario Madrid, which was the result of a misunderstanding between Grand Duchess Ronnie Miranda and Mario. Mario had expressed some degree of upset with the CGNIE Board as a result of this misunderstanding. The president cleared up the matter and it was resolved.

Secretary Report:

The Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on June 27, 2017, and the Special Board meeting held July 10, 2017, were presented. On motion of Treasurer Jake, seconded by Vice President Jeo, the Minutes of both meetings were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer presented his written report.

He noted that there would be a \$1,200 professional fee paid to our accountants for tax return preparation and other CPA services, though the check had not yet been signed. Also there was an approved Fairy Godfather disbursement which had not yet been made. Also, the check from Chipotle corporate had been received from the fundraiser with that company (\$603.00).

The Treasurer acknowledged that there is a promotional fund which is accessible to the

Emperor and Empress for travel.

The amount of \$5,600 had been set aside on the Corporation's books to cover the tax assessment from the IRS; however, as the IRS has abated the entire tax assessment per our request to them, these funds were now available. The Treasurer moved that the \$5,600 be placed in savings to be earmarked for CGNIE's 50th Anniversary Coronation, which will occur in the Spring of 2024, and which should be a grand, celebratory affair. He also moved that each year future Boards should contribute \$2,000 toward this fund. He advised that with this set aside, the Corporation was still well within its goal of allocating no more than 30% of its revenues for administrative expenses, with at least 70% going to charity. Treasurer Jake so moved, seconded by Garrett, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Finally, the Treasurer was asked about the progress of negotiations with Turn Verein hall with respect to a contract for multiple years for the Coronation. He reported that while Turn Verein penciled us in for 2018, 2019 and 2020, they did not want to contract with us yet or accept a deposit for future years (though they are supportive of our event being there). The desire to not accept funds or a contract had to do with the internal procedures of Turn Verein.

Director Matt Theroux arrived

Monarchs' Court Report:

Empress Brett (Betty Booger) and Emperor Rocky presented the Monarchs' report. The Chipotle fundraiser netted us \$703.00 (Brett's client donated \$100.00 on top of what we received from Chipotle). Also, the sum of \$1,262 was earned at the Christmas in July event.

There is a fundraiser at Panda Express on August 24, 2017, 5-9 p.m., with 20% of the sales using a coupon going to CGNIE. It is at the Panda Express in the R Street Market in Midtown.

The Princess Bike Ride was cancelled.

There will be a dog and car wash fundraiser behind Badlands on August 27, 2017. Coronation preparations are underway. We have secured Turn Verein as the venue. The trifold is almost completed. Brett has been contacting hotels to negotiate rates. Matt noted that he works for the Hyatt Regency, and that there is a "friends and family" rate of \$107.00 which we might be able to use. He would look into it.

Chris Taylor mentioned a proposal for a Haunted House fundraiser. The matter was tabled for later in the meeting to allow the Grand Duke and Duchess to give their report (as the Duke had to leave for work). When the subject was resumed, Chris described his idea of using the empty Hot Rod's space, and using simple but effective decorations. He agreed to present a budget and more details at the next meeting.

Ducal House Report:

The report was delivered by Regent Grand Duke Spade. He thanked those who had attended

the Ducal Ball in Alameda.

Our upcoming Ducal Ball was discussed. The Courts of Fresno, Reno, and Stockton had sent in ads for the program. Just today Spade had contacted San Francisco (Ducal) about an ad. There were a total of 6 confirmed ads. The Ducals were advised that all ads had to be to Brett (who is assembling the program) no later than August 5.

Ducal Ball decorations were discussed. The emcees and commands are confirmed. Past Grand Duchess Dymond will provide food for hospitality at cost.

In-town/out-of-town show will have a \$5 cover, and the Thank You Brunch will be \$10.

Jake asked that a budget for the Ducal Ball weekend be provided. It is to be prepared and emailed to the Board in advance of the events. The matter was tabled for the present.

The Archducal Ball was cancelled. The Archducals will be acknowledged at the Ducal Ball.

Director Blake Holloway had to leave for medical reasons.

3 M Report:

No report. However, Garrett asked the Monarchs what they had in mind for these titles. Rocky indicated he wanted it to remain as a pageant. The matter was further discussed, but no motions were made and no action taken.

La Kish Scholarship Fund Report:

La Kish chair Garrett reported. July 29 was the Empress Expose, and Garrett thanked those who attended. Over \$500 in tips was donated by the performers, and with the expected donation from the door by Faces, we expect the total to be over \$1,000.

There is currently \$4,221.00 in our account earmarked for the LaKish Scholarship program. Garrett wishes to give out \$1,000 in scholarships at the Rainbow Festival. July 31 is the deadline to apply, but late applications will be considered.

Garrett proposed empaneling a committee to review applications consisting of himself, two Board officers and any Community board members who want to participate.

Fairy Godfathers Fund Report:

Chair Dennis Seguin discussed the Fairy Godfathers Fund. \$221 was raised at the raffle he conducted at the Empress Expose (which was otherwise a LaKish Scholarship Program event). Dennis is also continuing his process of revamping the policies and procedures of the Fairy Godfathers Fund.

New Business:

A. 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.

B. Ducal Board Seat Discussion: Earlier in the meeting, Garrett had suggested that it would be appropriate to allocate the soon-to-be-vacant Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Board seats to Community members. The Board returned to this issue.

Jake moved to keep the 2 Ducal Board seats on hiatus and unfilled until a future Board decides the final disposition of the Ducal House. Jeo seconded the motion. Extensive discussion ensued. Upon a vote being taken, the following Board members voted in favor: Jeo, Jake, Matt, Paul, Hillary, Dennis, Brett and Rocky. Opposed was Garrett. Gerald, Ronnie and Robert abstained. Johnathan did not vote as chair of the meeting. The motion passed.

C. Court Logo: Jake presented a possible new Court logo/Court seal which he had developed with a friend who is a professional. The objective, according to Jake, was to develop a logo which is easier to use on digital media. Extensive discussion of this new matter took place, and lots of feedback was offered. It was noted by the Secretary that there is a CGNIE flag which has a design on it, though per others present the flag was temporarily missing. This matter was tabled.

D. Nomination: A letter prepared by Jeo was read to the members at the meeting, comprising a nomination of Jake Bradley-Rowe to Queen Mother Nicole to elevate him to Heir Apparent status. It was so moved and seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. Congratulations and best wishes Jake!

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.