

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Special Meeting Held July 10, 2017
At Sidetrax Sacramento, 2007 K Street, Sacramento, CA

Minutes Prepared by Gerald Filice, Emperor XL, Secretary

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by President Johnathan Cameron, who presided at the meeting. Other Board members attending were Treasurer Jake Bradley-Rowe, Secretary Gerald Filice, Dennis Seguin, Rocky Citi, Brett Anderson, Garret Reid, Blake Holloway, Matt Theroux, Robert Collins, Paul Crouch, and Ronnie Miranda.

Absent were Board members Hillary Glueck-Pratali (excused due to work), Spade Ransom (unexcused), Jeo Treto (excused for work).

Visitors included Ambassador to the Orient 40 Ping Ping (Patrick Van), Kirk Bradley-Rowe, and Empress Racine (Ronald Harper), Ducal Ball Coordinator.

The Special Meeting was duly noticed by the Secretary, and a quorum was present.

President's Remarks:

We would stay on topic during this Special Meeting, called to discuss the Ducal Ball.

Jake reported that he had signed the contract with the Arden Star Hotel as directed by the Board, though we were able to cancel it for a full refund at this point. He paid the \$350 deposit. He learned several things during that process: we needed to be completely out of the ballroom by 10:00 p.m.; we must buy 10 rooms around the ballroom for that Saturday night, and all must be booked by July 19 (at \$99/night), otherwise we would lose the ballroom; the space was small, and had a maximum occupancy of 90 with tables (less than the assumed minimum 100 attendance as projected by the Ducals); bathroom access was difficult; and other matters. The hotel requires licensed food and beverage caterers, whereas we had intended to provide these items ourselves (though we were told that they would "look the other way"). The problem was that the hotel would have to sign off on the liquor license application, and so they would not really be able to look the other way. It was learned that the General Manager was against this particular use of the ballroom, and had to be convinced. Also, there was no central a/c – just two small wall units in the room.

Racine commented, and agreed that given these problems the Ball could not be held at

the Arden Star Hotel. Racine was not aware of the problems until the meeting.

The president commented that the Board in approving the Ducal Ball budget was promised 5 additional fundraising events by the Ducals, but none had taken place. The Board has the responsibility to not spend charity money for a Ducal Ball.

Garett observed that the Ducal House will be on hiatus after this Ball. The best thing would be to have the Ball at a club with a larger space, to allow the Ducal House to go out "with a bang."

The president went on: \$530 is available for the Ball, given the amount of fundraising which has been done by the Ducals. The Ball as currently envisioned is over budget. Coronations have been in bars, successfully. We are here to raise money, and there is nothing bad about stepping down in a nightclub.

Jake referred the Board back to the budget, and recommended it be at Faces, where there is no charge and the space is large and climate controlled.

Rocky offered to do the Ducal Ball posters (none had yet been done).

Ronnie said Spade is ordering pins, but wasn't sure if they had been ordered.

By moving to Faces, Jake noted the cost of the weekend would be \$1,463.990, with a projected profit of \$1,061.10.

Brett is preparing the Ducal trifold.

There will be a "Thank you" brunch (since not a "victory" brunch) where awards can be given.

We will not need to rent tables and chairs.

Decorations were discussed. Patricia St. James is doing decor. We will make sure the decor is nice.

The program will be mostly b/w, as inexpensive as possible.

We agreed to add a \$300 contingency fund, so the budget is \$1,763.90.

Jake moved to approve the revised budget. Garett seconded, all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.