

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Meeting Held Monday, March 26, 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 6:33 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, Rocky Citi, Brett Anderson, Garret Reid, Paul Crouch, Robert Collins and Hillary Glueck-Pratali. Since Robert was a candidate for Empress, he would not be allowed to vote but could participate in discussion.

Absent were members Jeo Treto and Blake Holloway (both excused due to work), and Matt Theroux (not excused).

We had a quorum.

President's Remarks

The President thanked everyone for a spectacular year. Though we had some drama near the beginning, we were able to push through and successfully change aspects of the corporation for the better. Bravo to all!

Secretary Report:

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

The voting arrangements were discussed. Garrett would handle the Bolt, with a past Monarch TBD. The Kennedy Gallery poll shifts were also discussed and agreed upon.

CPA Candace Phelps would take custody of the ballots and count them.

Treasurer Report:

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

-Our income was substantial this year, and we retained a significant amount of cash. The corporation is now financially more solid than it has been in recent memory.

We discussed not allocating \$2,000 of Coronation profits to other expenses to ensure that 100% of the money raised by the 44th Reign went to charity. This might not be necessary, given other fundraising already in process for the Reign. Also, we would only be in a position to consider this if we sold enough Coronation tickets. If needed, the President would discuss it with Board members before any announcement at Coronation.

Monarchs' Court Report:

The Monarchs reported. Pins and awards had been ordered and would arrive in time. Program ads were being finalized.

The In Town show would be Sunday, April 15, after voting, at Sidetrax. Letters are being done.

At Coronation, some deceased Monarchs would be represented by other stand -in people.

Terry Sidie has asked that we create the Victory Brunch of the Year, and agreed to provide additional funds over our budgeted allowance to accomplish it.

We are offering brunch tickets to emcees for whom we have not provided hotel accommodations.

The Monarchs both decided not to make any Proclamations.

The Monarchs nominated the following for Lifetime Titles:

Brett nominated Michael LaFreniere (Pocket) as Imperial Crown Prince to the 44th Reign for Life. On a vote being taken he was approved.

Rocky nominated Sister of Perpetual Indulgence KoKo D'Amore (Tom Barnes) for the lifetime title: The Love-Hearted Guardian Sister Angel of the Glittering Capital City for Life." On a vote being taken, he was approved.

The president mentioned the possibility of dispensing with Proclamations permanently. After some discussion, this issue was tabled for a future time.

LGBTQ Report (Mr. and Miss Gay Sacramento)

No report from the titleholders.

The Secretary proposed that the Mr. and Miss Gay be tasked with preparing CGNIE's Sacramento Pride presentation, since they will have been in their positions well before the new monarchs. It was noted that it wasn't in their contract, so this year we would request it of them (it would need to go into the contracts for future years).

MOTION:

Gerald moved to ask the current Mr. and Miss Gay to organize CGNIE's Sacramento Pride presentation, with it being a contracted task for future years. Garrett seconded. It was passed unanimously.

Scholarships:

Chair Garrett reported:

The Annual Expose' will be this coming Saturday, March 31, at Faces. Robert will conduct a raffle during the event as part of his candidate fundraising. Garrett asked that we invite our Facebook friends to the event.

No scholarship applications had yet been received.

It was reaffirmed that the La Kish fund would be for performing arts only, while the Larry Macy fund would be for all other fields of study.

Other Matters:

Jose Honors: Everything was lined up. We will be inviting the LGBT Caucus of the legislature, and Terry Sidie would pay for their tickets.

We discussed modifications to our Board seating process, but no decisions were made.

The Award for Humanitarian of the Year was discussed:

The NorCal Aids Cycle (NCAC) organization was nominated for the Award. On a vote being taken, it was approved.

Upcoming events we agreed to take on: The Board would handle the Fireworks booth. The Court would also again provide staffing for San Francisco's Pride Festival. Both programs require advance signups and preparation.

Robert (Jena' Un Dunt) updated the Board on his campaign shows.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.