

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Meeting Held Monday, June 25, 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 6:30 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, Devon Musgrow, Robert Collins, Garret Reid, Paul Crouch, and Michael Kennedy.

Absent were members Jeo Treto (excused), Hillary Glueck-Pratali (excused), Enrique Manjarrez (excused) and Brett Anderson (excused).

Guest: Ronnie Miranda

We had a quorum.

President's Remarks

The President stated it had been a busy and interesting weekend volunteering at San Francisco Pride. We have been working hard this year for the success of the organization. The president recommends that we bear in mind that it's better to undertake fewer events that each nets more money.

Secretary Report:

The Secretary presented Minutes from the May 29, 2018, meeting.

MOTION:

Jake moved to accept the Minutes from May 29, 2018, seconded by Garrett, unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report:

President Johnathan started by noting that the summertime Miller Lite fundraiser had been reduced from 25 cents per beer to 15 cents. The way this works is that this amount is donated for each beer sold at participating bars. The reduction had to do with Miller re-evaluating what it wanted to do with the program, and was not intended to be punitive in any way.

Jake proposed an annual budget.

Robert requested a general form of sponsorship letter that he could use. Jake responded that we have some resources for that.

Jake noted it had been great to be able to represent at our last Coronation that 100% of the money raised by the Monarchs was designated for charity, due to the Board having raised administrative costs.

We discussed possible Home Depot gift cards as raffle prizes. Both Home Depot and Target make donations on a per store basis, so it's possible to get separate donations from different stores.

Monarchs' Court Report:

Monarchs Robert Collins (Jena Un Dent) and Devon Musgrow reported.

They thanked all present for their support so far during the reign.

The Crocker Art Mix Pride was a great event, our presentation and booth were excellent. Great work on the San Francisco Pride gates. Upcoming, the Monarchs and Renita (Ronnie Miranda) are going to the Fresno Investitures. There was some concern that there were only three CGNIE representatives at the Fresno Coronation – Taryn, Jena Un Dunt and Davide. Scheduling conflicts were the cause, but let's try harder.

The memorial for Paul Becerra is planned. The Merc owner is supplying all food. Taryn (Johnathan) cannot attend since he was (unjustly) barred from the Merc by an employee there. Robert will therefore emcee the memorial.

Gay Skate Night is July 10.

We discussed a Military Ball. The venue being considered is Strikes off I-5 and Laguna. Nice facility, security provided by management.

The Board went over the calendar of events.

In terms of charities, the Empress is looking at Loaves and Fishes and Mustard Seed School for homeless children. The Empress would like to expand our horizons. He is also looking at benefitting research into sickle cell anemia.

Closet Ball is possibly going to be October 13. Johnathan will take on the organization of the event. He asks that each reign sponsor a contestant.

For the next Coronation, Johnathan also suggested a card rather than a trifold.

Mr. and Miss Gay Sacramento Report

Though they weren't in attendance, the Board congratulated Mr. and Miss Gay on the float presentation at Sacramento Pride.

We are looking at the next pageant being February 3, 2019.

Scholarships:

Chair Garrett reported:

The Empress Expose is this coming Saturday. He has been able to confirm fewer performers than in the past. He asked all Board members to use Facebook invites to generate more attendance.

Garrett noted that he still had not received the scholarships' share of the gate revenues from Rainbow Festival.

The two scholarship funds will be merged. The objective is to award some scholarships at the Rainbow Festival.

Old Business

We will discuss a possible fundraiser for the Matthew Shepard Foundation at the next meeting.

New Business

Emperor I of te Americas Terry Sidie has asked that we take Chico back into our Empire, since they have become inactive. No formal decision was made.

We have been asked to volunteer at the Rodeo fireworks booth. Devon and Misha would check it out and decide whether continuing to volunteer would be Beneficial.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.