

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

COURT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST IMPERIAL EMPIRE (CGNIE)

Meeting Held Monday, July 30, 2018

At Sidetrax, 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, Regent Emperor Devon Musgrow, Robert Collins (Empress Jena Un Dunt), Paul Crouch, Enrique Manjarrez, Brett Anderson, Hillary Glueck-Pratali, Garrett Reid, and Michael Kennedy.

Absent were members Jeo Treto (excused).

We had a quorum.

### President's Remarks

The President thanked everyone for participating in fundraising. Our efforts are resulting in good cash flow. We also have been able to rent out the runway we own – \$300 per event, resulting in additional income. One more event and it will be paid for. Splash Reno is asking we throw a fundraiser there and at Faces NV to benefit Our Center (the LGBT Center in Reno). What we raise at Splash would be credited to CGNIE.

### Secretary Report:

The Secretary presented Minutes from the June 25, 2018, meeting.

### MOTION:

Michael moved to accept the Minutes as present, Jake seconded, all voted in favor except Brett (who abstained).

Board member contracts to be presented at the next meeting – Brett is to prepare.

### Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Jake presented an extensive written report of the corporation's finances. We continue to do well financially. Tax returns for our 2017-18 fiscal year are nearly complete.

We discussed possible venues for the next charity disbursement, including Liquid Therapy at Badlands, Rainbow Festival, and others. We tabled it for the next meeting.

### Monarchs' Court Report:

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

Devon thanked ICPR's Hillary and Blake for organizing the Gay Skate Night. Even Bolt customers are considering going.

The Alameda Ducal Coronation was great. We did a number. It was well attended.

Dymond Brown did her show last Saturday. Light attendance, but the show was great.

Devon and Robert are working on a "Ducal Jam" or "Ducal Ball" to recognize the Grand Dukes and Duchesses for August 25.

Robert will talk with Billy Ray about organizing a Military Ball.

The memorial for Paul Becerra was good, and raised some money for charity.

Robert noted there are a number of paid drag shows that we are competing with, and its getting hard to raise money in that manner. It was suggested that our charity shows needed to be more over the top, production numbers, or group shows. It was also discussed to hold some shows away from Sacramento.

Enrique said he was going to do a small birthday fundraiser at the Bolt.

Devon noted that the rodeo fireworks booth was not well organized, and divisions of funds were not clear. We aren't expecting any proceeds.

#### Mr. and Miss Gay Sacramento Report

No report. There was willingness of Miss gay and Mr. Gay to meet to discuss matters, but no date has been set.

#### Scholarships:

Chair Garrett reported.

The scholarships have not yet received the check from staffing the Rainbow Festival gate from last year.

\$116 private donation was intended to go to scholarships, but was misdirected to the '80's night show. It will be properly directed into the Larry Macy account.

Garrett asked Apple (Miss Gay) to see if Mr. Gay Clint could sell Jello shots at the Monday night shows.

Next 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday for a scholarship fundraiser is September 29.

#### Old Business

1. Fundraiser for the Matthew Shepard Foundation. Considering doing a Casino Royale event on a weeknight. We will try to avoid conflicts with other events.

#### New Business

1. Chico and Stockton Courts

Chico—

The appearance is that Chico is no longer a functioning court, and e have been asked by Emperor I of the Americas to look into recovering the territory.

MOTION:

Enrique moved, and Jake seconded, to recover the territory which we had ceded to the Chico Court. Discussion ensued.

Discussion:

The Chico Court has been a vibrant organization that contributed positively to its Community, as it was planned to be when CGNIE granted it independence many years ago. But in recent years, interest in the Court among the Chico Community has waned. It seems to no longer be a functioning organization, and is no longer operating for the purposes that it was founded to perform. They have not had a recent Coronation, and to our knowledge no Board of Directors is in place. Garrett recommended we contact those who were formerly active in the Chico Court to apprise them of our concerns and ascertain their reaction. Enrique advocated doing event(s) in Chico.

Garrett moved to amend the motion to begin the process of recovering the territory of Chico, by first contacted the former Chico leadership. Both Enrique and Jake accepted the amendment, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Stockton–

Unlike Chico, Stockton still is active, though they only have had appointed regents, with no elections or coronations for 2 years. They still do not have a solid Board of Directors.

The President recommended that initially we reach out to Stockton and offer to help them reorganize. No motions were made.

2. Rainbow Festival – We are being asked to staff the main gate at 21<sup>st</sup> and K, 12-6 p.m. We will receive 10% of our gate's proceeds.
3. August 27 will be the College of Monarchs review of reigning monarchs.
4. Enrique and I reported on attending the first Dixon Pride.
5. The ICC is doing a Mr. Miss and Ms. Gay Pride Pageant. Michael is on the committee.

MOTION:

Gerald moved to donate \$100 toward the pageant, Jake seconded, passed unanimously.

6. We should look into streamlining our organizational name. More discussion in the future on this.

Meeting adjourned.