



**United Court of the Sandias, Inc.**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico USA



BOD Meeting Minutes  
MPower  
01-08-2018

**In Attendance:**

- Board Members:
  - President: Tsunami Couture
  - Secretary: Tim Winn
  - Treasurer: Seliah DeLeon
  - Membership Coordinator: Eric Christopher
  - Emperor XXV: Leonidas R. Daniels
  - Empress XXV: Sativa Rico Stratton
- Guests:
  - Tidus
  - Kiki
  - Jake
  - Reyes
  - Gabe
  - Topher
  - Candy
  - TJ
  - Beth
  - Frida
  - Frankie
  - Armani
  - Martin
  - Goliath
  - Alyria

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the United Court of the Sandias was called to order at 8:10pm on 01-08-2018 at MPower by President Tsunami Couture.

**Distribution of Agenda**

The agenda was distributed to all attendees.

## **Welcome Members**

At this time the floor was opened up to the members to address any concerns. There were no other issues or concerns at this time.

## **Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of Board Minutes from previous meeting – Presented by Tim Winn
  1. Motion: Seliah
  2. Second: Sativa
  3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries, Minutes Approved

## **Financials and Invoices**

- Approval of Financials – Presented by Seliah
- Tim brought up an item from October that is showing \$216 over on of the shows and Seliah will investigate to see why it is showing
- Motion to move \$1,410.58 left over from Holiday drive to the coronation fund and to approve financials
  1. Motion: Sativa
  2. Second: Eric
  3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries, Financials Approved.

## **Membership**

- Updating Lifetime Members
  - Eric is still in the process of updating this and making sure the information is current. No other items to address at this time.

## **Board**

- Proposal to SOCH on Partnership
  - This is to form an actual agreement between Soch and UCS. Previously it was done by word of mouth but this will be to setup a 5 year Partnership
  - Tim asked if we could include an item of how funds should be paid between parties and would be in the form of a check
  - Leonidas would like a disagreement clause on how disagreements will be addressed between both organizations.
  - Tim also requested that a severance clause be added
  - Another part added to the partnership is that a voting position would not be applicable for any Manager position
  - Draft of a formal agreement will be made and submitted to SOCH as our Home Bar
- Procedure Manual and Bylaws
  - Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 9am to 2pm the Board will continue with the retreat for rewriting
  - Deadline has been moved to March 31<sup>st</sup>

- Holiday Drive debrief
  - To address any concerns about the holiday drive and to discuss how the process worked out this year. Tsunami did have a discussion with Bunnie to explain the accounting portion of this and what the UCS needs to be able to provide documentation for all funds that are raised.
  - Tsunami did mention that a partnership could possibly be better to address the holiday drive going forward. This will make it easier to declare how many families/people we are able to raise monies.
  - Eric brought up the liability concern of transporting people to and from the Holiday party and shopping. The UCS is not insured if there was an accident and could open us up to legal action. This is something that we will need to keep in mind for the next holiday drive.
  - When the Board retreats for the holiday drive we will discuss writing a procedure down for how to run a holiday drive. Sativa has written this up and will present but would also like for a partnership to be drawn up so it clearly defines what the UCS is agreeing to and what we are liable for raising.
  - Leonidas mentions that an itinerary would help make things smoother as well so it details out when and where things are going to occur to help clarify the process.
  - After discussing this there is room to improve and outline the details and clarify what the UCS will be committing to and to have a partnership with the other organizations.

## **Campaign**

- Proposed dates for Campaign
  - Decision for a 6 week or 7 week campaign
  - Leonidas did bring up some concerns with our voting time interfering with some of the out of town events or that with the holiday weekend there would be decreased voting. The board agreed that either way is going to be impactful but there is no way to change that. In the past voting was opened up for additional days to provide extra time for people to come in and vote
  - The other concern is the amount of time between when voting closes and the start of coronation.
    - Motion: Sativa
    - Second: Leonidas
    - Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained, 0 opposed
    - Result: Motion Carries, 6 week campaign has been approved
- Monarch Packets
  - Same packets as the year before with a change to voting and the positions avail
  - Discussion around non-binary titles and how that impacts voting and the positions
  - Tsunami mentioned changing the vote to only allowing voters 1 vote if we are going to do the highest votes wins.
  - Leonidas brought up the fact that gender non-conforming people are on the rise and it is a good idea to have that in place for when it comes through and that they would not be discriminated against based on picking a gender
  - Seliah brought up that we can keep it simple and just vote for an emperor and an empress and if there is a non-binary they can run under either category

- The Board discussed the pro's and con's of having the gender fluid position included and traditional voting vs. highest votes.
- Another item was added to the voting portion of whether there should be 2 votes per voter or 1 vote per voter.
  - The topic was opened up to the floor and Frida brought up the fact this is the same issue back when Emperor was opened up and that some of the best people we have had. She also stated that it doesn't matter how many categories you have if you are only going with the top 2 votes. A person who really cares about the job isn't going to worry about what title they are given. She said that non-binary shouldn't be given an automatic in just because they are running but at least give the opportunity to run without having to pick a gender.
  - Topher did mention that opening up to non-binary is a good thing but having more than 2 monarchs can be troublesome and cause issues down the road. He also mentioned in the previous year it was considered to change to 1 vote.
  - Armani brought up a concern of voting being done before campaign closure. He stated that some people stated they would of voted for him if they had seen his performance prior to voting. He asked that be taken in to consideration when declaring campaign closure and voting.
- Motion was made to have non-binary titles on the Monarch Packet and keep it the same as last year.
  1. Motion: Sativa
  2. Second: Tim
  3. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained, 0 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries,
- Motion to change the amount of votes per voter from 2 down to 1. Also the top 2 highest voted candidates would be elected.
  1. Motion: Sativa
  2. Second: Tim
  3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries,
- Board Packets
  - Will remain the same as the year prior with only the prices changing by \$1 to reflect the reign as well as the terms being defined more clearly
    1. Motion: Sativa
    2. Second: Eric
    3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
    4. Result: Motion Carries,
- Motion to have a point system in place to approve candidates with instead of just a yes or no from board members.
  1. Motion: Seliah
  2. Second: Sativa
  3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries,

## **Coronation**

- Price List
  - Dec 13<sup>th</sup> to Feb 28<sup>th</sup>
    - \$25 Bus Tour
    - \$65 Coronation
    - \$20 Victory Brunch
    - \$100 Early Bird Special
    - \$50 Donate a Youth ticket
  - Mar 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>
    - \$30 Bus Tour
    - \$75 Coronation
    - \$25 Victory Brunch
    - \$110 Early Bird Special
    - \$50 Donate a Youth ticket
  - May 16<sup>th</sup> to Coronation day
    - \$35 Bus Tour
    - \$80 Coronation
    - \$30 Victory Brunch
    - \$50 Donate a Youth ticket
  - Motion to approve pricing as detailed above
    1. Motion: Seliah
    2. Second: Eric
    3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
    4. Result: Motion Carries,
- Master FlowChart
  - This will be used to assign tasks and to mark off what has been completed. This flowchart is the checklist to make sure all items are taken care of.
  - This will be reviewed and updated on each meeting
- Expense Tracker
  - Reviewing the past tracker from last year so we can start updating that to get an idea of how close we are to the actual amount of coronation
- Awards List
  - Full description of the awards have been provided on Board facebook page
  - This will be tabled until the next meeting as to who will be recommended for these

## **Events**

- Youth Ball
  - Need to pin down a date for when this will occur and that way we can make preparations for where this will be hosted. Recommended dates will be discussed in the board chat.
- Monarch Ball
  - Will be on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. Nothing else has been changed on this item
- ICP Ball
  - to be held at Sidewinders and the monarchs are in talks

- May 11<sup>th</sup> which is a Friday and there are talks about getting it changed to a Saturday so that way out of town guests can attend
- Mr. and Miss Sandias
  - To be held in April but no specific date has been set yet. Waiting for packet pickup before this is updated
- Monarch Itinerary
  - January 20<sup>th</sup> - Indiana for Investitures and possibly Houston
  - Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Waco and Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Minnesota
  - March 10<sup>th</sup> Ft Worth and March 31<sup>st</sup> Denver will be Leonidas and Oklahoma will be Sativa. Frida and Kiki will be going with Leonidas to Denver and Tidas will be going with Sativa
- Other events
  - December 15<sup>th</sup> Red Ball
  - December 29<sup>th</sup> New year's Show
  - January 14<sup>th</sup>
  - January 26<sup>th</sup> – Turn About
  - February 11<sup>th</sup>
  - February 17<sup>th</sup> – Monarch Ball
  - March 4<sup>th</sup>
  - March 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Board Chat**

- Resignation of Vice President Anna Konda Williams. Letter was sent over the holidays but wasn't discussed until after the agenda and board meeting for January.
  - Motion to accept resignation without prejudice meaning Anna will be able to run for positions in the future
    - Motion: Seliah
    - Second: Sativa
    - Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
    - Result: Motion Carries, Resignation has been accepted
- Request was received by Jaime PapiChulo regarding a letter of nomination to become Heir Apparent for New Mexico. We reviewed any conflicts with his current position as being Board president for Indianapolis but there were none.
  - Motion was made in favor of writing a letter supporting Jaime PapiChulo's nomination as Heir Apparent for New Mexico
    1. Motion: Leonidas
    2. Second: Eric
    3. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained, 0 opposed
    4. Result: Motion Carries, Letter will be drafted for Nomination.
- Based on feedback from the community regarding voting for Monarch Positions the Board needed to discuss this matter prior to the next meeting due to the packets being released before the meeting. With the inclusion of the top 2 votes being the overall winner the vote per person had been reduced to 1 per person. After discussion it was decided that going back

to the 2 vote person method would be in the best interest of the candidates and the community.

- Motion for each voting person to have a total of 2 votes and that candidates will not be allowed to do a joint campaign.
  1. Motion: Tim
  2. Second: Leonidas
  3. Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained, 1 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries, Voters will be allowed a total of 2 votes for Monarch positions

### **Board Reports**

- Tsunami – Warns us of a different Tsunami come coronation time because things are going to need to get done.
- Tim – Thank you for having an open mind on the option to have the non-gender option for monarch packets
- Eric – None
- Seliah – Thank you for all the hardwork and also to advise of Anna’s resignation
- Leonidas – None
- Sativa – I have been contacted twice this week from separate individuals about a specific person representing the UCS and is propositioning them for sexual favors in exchange for coronation tickets and a room. These individuals did not want to file a grievance but were advising they would not be attending coronation because of this. This individual had been warned in the past that any type of infractions would not be tolerated. Sativa would like to have this person barred from walking with the court and attending our coronation. At this time Tsunami called a closed meeting so the privacy of the individual would not be made public. The details of this will be documented in a Separate document.

### **Parking Lot**

None at this time

### **Next Meeting**

- The next Board meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 at Mpower

### **Adjournment of the meeting**

1. Motion: Seliah
2. Second: Sativa
3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
4. Result: Motion Carries, Meeting was adjourned at 10:16pm by President Tsunami Couture.