



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



BOD Meeting Minutes  
MPower  
02-12-2018

**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:
  - Nathan
  - Tidus
  - Jake
  - Malchi
  - Kiki
  - Gabe
  - Carlos
  - John Diamond
  - Topher
  - Elijah
  - Dahliah
  - Madison
  - Armani
  - JR
  - Craig
  - Goliath
  - Bunnie
  - Frida
  - Candy
  - TJ
  - Reyes
  - Frankie

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the United Court of the Sandias was called to order at 8:14pm on 02-12-2018 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 issues or concerns at this time.

## **Approval of Minutes**

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

## **Financials and Invoices**

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

## **Topher Daniels**

- Regarding a letter that was sent to the ICS and Queen Mother of all the Americas, Nicole the Great. He states that the letter raised 2 concerns about him bypassing the board and about the concern of this conflicting with ABQ Pride. Topher states that he did request to be on the board regarding this but was not added for the December meeting. In addition, ABQ Pride never voiced any concerns about this matter and the letter states that they came to us with the concern.
- Topher, is requesting a retraction letter be drafted claiming these to be false and to clear his name from the accusations. He also is requesting that this be sent to the ICS and Nicole the Great.
- Tsunami asked the representative from ABQ Pride, President Craig. He states that ABQ Prides stance is that they do not feel they should be involved in the situation and declined to write a letter requesting a retraction. There was a discussion from their board President to our board President regarding the situation and that any concerns were brought up during their retreat and there were not any concerns from their part.
- Tsunami advised that there is not a formal process for Heir Apparent and the ICS could not provide any documentation around this process. For this reason, the board has agreed to submit a retraction letter addressing the concerns. This letter was already created prior to the meeting and was reviewed and read during the meeting. After brief discussion and input

Topher agrees to this letter and would like to deliver this to Nicole the Great when he is out there visiting. Topher is thankful for the board having this letter prepared ahead of time and doing the right thing by addressing these concerns.

### **Bunnie**

- Bunnie was contacted by Nicole the great to be a national chair for the year of the woman campaign. The first meeting was done yesterday and they decided to collect bags and toiletries to put together bags to hand out or donate to TGRC. This will be called the period posse and their goal is to be able to assist anyone that is struggling with periods and providing education on this from a woman's stance which would also include transgender persons. Going forward they will be needing supporters and assistance and will look forward to working with the UCS on this project.

### **Board**

- 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>
  - Process is currently almost half way through, but everything is now being transcribed into a standard format to have a unified voice which is going to take additional time.
  - We are encouraging the College of Monarchs to review and make recommendations on this prior to the final rewrite so we can capture all the information and knowledge from them.

### **Campaign**

- Packet Pickup
  - 11 packets in total were picked up, 7 for Monarch and 5 for Board
  - Tsunami did inform all the parties present that the vote will be the top 2 highest candidates and that voters will be able to cast a total of 2 votes.
  - Packet drop off will be at Mpower on April 6<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 7pm and then they will be contacted for their interview time
  - Seliah did explain about the point system and the categories that candidates would be scored on and explained how it is more about the individuals work and commitment and that this will take the bias or emotion part out of the process
  - If there are any questions everyone is encouraged to contact the Board via the UCS email and we will respond as quickly as possible
- Questions on packets
  - Armani voiced concerns over some typos that were present as well as some dates that needed to be changed or modified. Some of these were already addressed but the others will be updated with a modified packet. Also last year there was an option for absentee voting but this year it states there is not that option. Tim explained that this was a special consideration that was made for that one time since it is stated in the bylaws that this is not allowed. Leo is also working on ways to find an online voting option that will work for everyone not just a small group but there was not a way to make that happen. We advised that we will send out an update with the changes after it has all been reviewed

- Goliath had a question on clarifying pre-campaigning and that he has seen some of this already. He would like to have a clear definition on this and for the board to address it. This is the same issue that we ran into last year and that campaign material should not be made public until they are officially approved by the board at the candidate interview. Topher brought up a filter that someone made for Armani and asked how would Armani control what someone else does or how they would handle that. We asked John Diamond how this was handled in the past and he stated that other boards would not allow anything prior to the interview. Goliath mentioned that he did see that and this is why he wanted clarification on this since his understanding was that was frowned upon. Armani stated he did ask the board ahead of time if he could announce he was picking up a packet and was advised he could do that. The item in question is stating he is running for that position and advertising a link for support. Tsunami states that since the definition is missing for what pre-campaigning is we cannot rule on this. Sativa offered more examples of how it was in the previous reign and that you could declare you are going to run but not to state you are a candidate. Leo talked about how this is the planning stage and that everyone that has picked up should have the same opportunity to prepare and not have to worry about others that are starting their campaigning. Tsunami brought up the fact that this is still not defined in the packet. Seliah advised that we have 14 days to make changes and notify the candidates. We did ask for input from everyone that picked up packets on how they feel or would like to proceed. Tsunami advised that everyone should be careful what they put out there and that they are not putting they are candidates for the position.
- Frida asked about undocumented people that are interested in running. We advised that this is not an issue and would not be an issue so long as they pick up during the normal pick up time. All we need is proof of resident and proof of income, not a social or drivers license.
- Topher requested that we make a vote on the language we have in the packet and what it is defined. Tim advised that there were a lot of changes in the packet and that we will be sending out clarification on these changes. We advised that nobody would be held accountable for anything that has happened so far until this is defined and sent out for everyone. We reiterated that everyone is free to announce they are declarants but not to state they are candidates. Leo did state that campaign has not started yet and to keep that in mind and be respectful of that and the minute they state they are running for a position that means they are campaigning. Topher urged to have that done or made official and just to make a decision. Since everyone that picked up Monarch packets were here we asked for their input on this. The overall consensus is that it just needs to be fair and that way no one has an unfair advantage over anyone else. For now it will be left as is but to wait until they are official to state they are campaigning or candidates.

### **Coronation**

- Discounts for the Line
  - Clarification is needed on whether there will be a discount to the current line members and when that would be avail. After discussion the Board has decided to approve the discounts and the timeline for when this will be available. This discount

will not extend to the entire line only the royal family, traditional titles. In addition there are still the purchase a youth donations that will be used to assist the Under 21 line to attend coronation.

- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup> the royal family will be able to purchase bus tour and coronation package for \$45.
  1. Motion: Seliah
  2. Second: Sativa
  3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries, Discount will be Approved.
- Coronation Book is possibly going to be donated so we need to get bids for these to include all the items that we have talked about
- Danny and Kilroy will be taking care of the food for Hospitality on that Saturday. This would include Breakfast, Lunch, and After Coronation. We will still need to get Friday covered and Sativa/Leo will reach out to Dominique and Dahlia to check on this.
- Topher and Dahlia will not need to worry about food now, only the liquor for Hospitality
- Bus contracts need to be turned in so we can start pricing these out. Also will need to build in an additional run or possible additional bus. Bus tour coordinator will be Tim or Eric and will be in charge of any changes for that night
- Starting in March we will begin having coronation meetings to make sure we get caught up on everything that is needed and to ensure things are completed

### Events

- Youth Ball
  - Still need to plan this and secure a location if it will still be happening. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting
- Monarch Ball
  - Will be on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. Nothing else has been changed on this item. This will be the night that line members will be presented their official titles based on the work they did and the commitment they showed.
  - Items have been donated and will be sold via a silent auction at this event
- ICP Ball
  - Will be held at Sidewinders
  - May 12<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
  - March 10<sup>th</sup> Ft Worth
  - 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
  - February 17<sup>th</sup> – Monarch Ball
  - March 4<sup>th</sup>

- March 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Board Chat**

- There were no items voted on or decisions made via the Board chat.

### **Board Reports**

- Tsunami – There was a time when this organization didn't exist. Times are also going to get harder with the non-binary issues and finding ourselves through all the changes. Just want to voice that at the end of the day we are all still friends and we are here for our community. We are not always going to see eye to eye or agree on everything but we are still growing and getting better year after year.
- Tim – Nothing except that we need to let the candidates ask their questions
- Eric – Was excited being able to discuss and see the energy of the candidates that picked up packets. Please email the Board if there are any questions that need to be answered.
- Seliah – Went to San Diego with Goliath and it was nice. Also wants to congratulate Jaime PapiChulo for his nomination to Heir Apparent. It is amazing to see how the UCS has grown from where we were when we almost got dissolved and now to see so many people interested in becoming a part of the court.
- Leonidas – Leo also received the Emperor Pin award which he will need to pass down to another Emperor that they feel exemplifies the quality or traits of an Emperor. This was a pin that was given to Goliath previously so it is the second time it has been given to New Mexico Emperor. Leo is amazed at the turn out for packet pickup and asks that all candidates and campaign teams stay cordial and wishes everyone luck.
- Sativa – While at Waco coronation Leo and Sativa won Emperor/Empress to Emperor/Empress. Kiki did an amazing job on her command and won best command performance. She will have to pass that down to whomever has the best command at our coronation. Bill Horn humanitarian award was given to the UCS which was for an outstanding service to the court/community and to make sure that no one is forgotten and helping end discrimination and oppression.

### **Parking Lot**

None at this time

### **Next Meeting**

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

### **Adjournment of the meeting**

1. Motion: Seliah
2. Second: Tim
3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
4. Result: Motion Carries, Meeting was adjourned at 10:48pm by President Tsunami Couture.