



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



BOD Meeting Minutes
N'MPower
09-11-2017

In Attendance:

- Board Members:
 - President: Tsunami Couture
 - Vice-President: Anaconda Williams
 - Secretary: Tim Winn
 - Treasurer: Seliah DeLeon
 - Membership Coordinator: Eric Christopher
 - Emperor XXV: Leonidas R. Daniels
 - Empress XXV: Sativa Rico Stratton
 - Empress XXIV: Dahlia Rico Stratton (present, non-voting)
- Guests:
 - Bunnie
 - Alex
 - Candy
 - TJ
 - Felicia Faraday
 - Frida
 - Aleah
 - Dee

Opening

The regular meeting of the United Court of the Sandias was called to order at 8:10pm on 09-11-2017 at N'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 topics to discuss so the meeting continued.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Board Minutes from previous meeting – Presented by Tim Winn
 - Motion to correct Eric Christopher
 1. Motion: Seliah
 2. Second: Sativa
 3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Correction Approved.

 - Motion to approve minutes with above correction
 1. Motion: Seliah
 2. Second: Sativa
 3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Minutes Approved.

Financials and Invoices

- Approval of Financials – Presented by Seliah R. Deleon
 - Motion to move left over funds from school supply to holiday drive
 1. Motion: Sativa
 2. Second: Leonidas
 3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Funds will be moved.

 - Motion to have funds from Serial Killers show to be applied toward the Reign Charity balance
 1. Motion: Sativa
 2. Second: Seliah
 3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Funds will be applied to Reign Charity.

 - Motion to approve the adjusted financials
 1. Motion: Sativa
 2. Second: Ana
 3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Financials Approved.

 - Motion to allow any donated funds to be modified, at the monarchs' discretion, from the existing 60/40 split. This can be changed at each event as needed otherwise will default to the normal 60/40.
 1. Motion: Seliah
 2. Second: Sativa
 3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Monarchs' can change split as needed.

Emergency Fund

- Board has received numerous requests. So far this month there was only 1 that was approved for Rent Assistance. There is a new request that came in today and will be reviewed.
- Some clarification was needed on how payouts are made to individuals. In cases of extreme emergencies, we will provide cash to the individual but primarily the UCS will pay directly to the business/agency that the monies are being requested for.
- Rough Draft for Emergency Fund Disbursements
 - Will be added back to parking lot for next meeting.

Board

- Procedure Manual and Bylaws
 - There is a section on the website that can be used to gather opinions and feedback from the community and past monarchs.
 - This could be used again so that not everyone would need to attend a physical meeting and there will not be any hardships in trying to coordinate a physical meeting.
 - Another idea is to form a committee but we have reached out for 2 years to attempt to get suggestions and to make this happen so may not be a very effective avenue.
 - Monarchs have already put out to the college of Monarchs a date to try and get the college together to go over this.
 - After discussion we have established a timeframe that this will be done.
 1. The date set will be for January 8th to have everything ready for the rough draft.
 2. This will be sent to the college to be reviewed and they will have until January 14th to return any revisions back to the board.
 3. After the revisions have been reviewed the revised copy will be sent to Tina Camaro to review loopholes and legalities and to have a final revision.
 4. January 19th board will call a membership meeting to be held on Feb 18th which will be the required 30 days.
 5. A final revised copy needs to be done by January 31st that will be brought to the membership meeting for vote
 - Motion for the BOA to be in charge of the rewrite of the procedures and bylaws as detailed in the timeline mentioned above.
 1. Motion: Sativa
 2. Second: Ana
 3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, the above timeline for rewrite will be put in affect.
- Follow-up on Crown Sponsorship for New Mexico All American Goddess
 - Domonique agrees to the proposed partnership. In turn for the UCS to sponsor the Crowns for the pageant Domonique will purchase a full page ad for coronation and a vase to be auctioned off
 - Need to get a partnership agreement sent off to be signed by both parties.

- Communication of Commitments
 - Every Board Member needs to be aware of the obligations and commitments that their actions have on either just the current reign or if it's something that will carry on to other reigns. If something comes up that will carry on to other reigns it is something that should be brought to the attention of the Board prior to committing the UCS so that all avenues can be reviewed that could pose an issue to other commitments that are already in place.

Events

- Softball Tournament
 - Not able to get the sanction as planned to have both leagues as planned. we will only be doing the fun league as was done in the past
 - Tentative Location is Tom Tenorio field, porta potties are included, and Empress Sativa is looking to have this donated.
 - Date would be October 14th and start at 10am
 - Food and the Concession stand are already taken care of
 - Liquor will be permitted on the field, disclaimer will be sent out advising UCS will not be held accountable for inappropriate use/consumption of liquor
 - Umpires are already done and there will be a total of 4
- Monarch Itinerary
 - October 18th – 25th Hawaii
 - November 3rd – 5th Colorado Springs
 - December 8th – 10th Las Vegas
- Other events
 - September 16th Show at sides
 - September 17th KiKi's shows
 - September 23rd Leather and Lace pageant – Frito Pie sale (donation to Hurricane Relief)
 - September 29th Night of a thousand Madonnas
 - September 30th at NMPower 3pm – 6pm
 - October 13th Harvest Show\ at SOCH
 - October 22nd Show at soch(Holiday Drive Show
 - October 28th Haunted House at N'M Power
 - October 29th Halloween show at SOCH
 - November 12th Underage event at N'Mpower and Show at Soch
 - November 24th Fire and Ice Ball
 - December 3rd Under 21 Event and Show at Soch
 - December 15th Last show for the holiday drive
 - December 29th New year's Show

Membership

- Membership is oddly defined from bylaws. At the last meeting we talked about the differences between the 2 tiers and who is able to vote.
- Still working out all the “perks” for the paid membership, but these do include the lifetime title holders as of right now.
- Will need to increase membership for the anticipated membership meeting
- Membership Drives will be done at all shows and can be done by any member of the board or line.
- Will possibly look at changing membership back to a set thing instead of it needing to be voted back each year as this has caused issues with maintaining a solid membership.

Holiday Drive

- Committee will be created from line members and headed up by some of the top 12 to assist with coordination and to help Bunnie make sure everything is done.
- Monarchs have already started reaching out to organizations and planning home many families can be adopted this year. Possible negotiation with Cooper Vision and Empress to have up to 20 families sponsored. More details will be provided as they progress.
- Holiday drive party will be downgraded this year because that is more money that can be used to sponsor families and we do not need to have a large gathering. Possible do a pool party at the Rio Grande High School. We would just need to pay for the lifeguard/s.
- ABQ Pride has expressed interest in becoming more involved with the UCS and would like to contribute. Further discussions will be held on how they can assist with this endeavor.
- Wrapping of gifts will be optional for families that we take shopping so that way the parents can wrap the gifts and have a part in the holiday for their kids. It would be possible to donate wrapping paper for the families and they can pick up the gifts before the party.

Coronation

- Coronation Committees
 - Will be responsible for the anniversary portion of coronation only. This will be a different group from the regular coronation planning of the monarchs
- Updates
 - None at this time

Board Reports

- Tsunami – Hates her job right now. Haha
- Anaconda – None
- Tim – None
- Eric – None
- Seliah – Wants to request representatives from the UCS to attend 20th anniversary for N'MPower.
- Leonidas – Had some requests on a scholarship program. Seliah mentioned the Mama Boom Boom scholarship that is currently available. Last years was done by PFLAG.
- Sativa – Thank you for hearing her out today and really excited to see where we go with Indiana.
- Dahlia – Congratulations for a successful SPOY. Dahlia will be hosting an event in Long Beach.

Parking Lot

- Rough Draft for Emergency Fund Disbursements
- Membership perks and definitions

Next Meeting

- The next Board meeting will be October 9th at 8:10 at N'Mpower

Adjournment of the meeting

1. Motion: Tim
2. Second: Leo
3. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
4. Result: Motion Carries, Meeting was adjourned at 10:17pm by President Tsunami Couture.