



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



BOD Meeting Minutes
N'MPower
10-09-2017

In Attendance:

- Board Members:
 - Vice-President: Anaconda Williams
 - Secretary: Tim Winn
 - Treasurer: Seliah DeLeon
 - Membership Coordinator: Eric Christopher
 - Emperor XXV: Leonidas R. Daniels
 - Empress XXV: Sativa Rico Stratton
- Guests:
 - Dee
 - Jake
 - Reyes
 - Tidus
 - TJ
 - Candy
 - Nadia
 - Beth
 - Alex
 - Aleah
 - Dave
 - Armani
 - Topher

Opening

The regular meeting of the United Court of the Sandias was called to order at 8:11pm on 10-09-2017 at N'MPower by Vice-President Anaconda Williams.

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.

Heir Apparent Aleah Rico has updates from the ICS meeting. There have been an uprising of embezzlement and that each court needs to be transparent with the minutes and financials. There were a lot of questions about the youth line and how successful its been. Transgender workshop was successful by Jaime and Bunnie and may be rolled out to other courts. More talk about being respectful towards Drag performers and not touching them inappropriately. The UCS is being nominated for the Mama Jose award. Would also like to see about having the bank statements to be included with the financials to just be proactive. Chicago court is in probation for 3 years and Aleah will be working with Chicago court to assist in getting that investigation. Discussion was around having a line sensitivity training and developing a process that these incidents can be reported. As of right now the message is that these should be reported to a board member or line member and it will be addressed.

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 R. Deleon
 1. Motion: Sativa
 2. Second: Tim
 3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Financials Approved.

Emergency Fund

- Rough Draft for Emergency Fund Disbursements
 - This is still in process for refinement but will cover all aspects of assistance needed
- No current requests at this time
- Leonidas did get a book from a line member on available resources and will get that for review
- Discussion around possibly putting a link on the UCS page displaying the community resources that are available

Board

- Procedure Manual and Bylaws
 - The link for suggestions is still on the website. Sativa will be reaching out to inform other monarchs that these are still being accepted for about 2 weeks.
 - Tim shared the suggestions link with the Monarchs so they have access to view these
 - Instead of having groups work on a specific part and then going over it all as a group, the idea is to have the whole group go over all items together so each item can be discussed at one time
 - The timeline approved during the last board meeting is still good and there are no delays at this time.
- Follow-up on Crown Sponsorship for New Mexico All American Goddess
 - Board did review the partnership agreement and will be signed later on in the month
 - Emperor Leonidas did want clarification on the top line members being required to attend all NMAAG events in December and if that would void the agreement. Seliah advised that it would be required for them to all attend based on this agreement but the UCS will be getting more in return so it is important that it is communicated out now to all members that this is non-negotiable and is a must to attend.

Membership

- Membership Sign up
 - Forms and Dues will need to be turned in to the Monarchs and Board members for the membership to be official. The square will be utilized or the online payment method. Anyone on the current board or line is allowed to sign up new members
- Membership Form review and discussion on how this would be used. Going forward we will have the printed copy of the form to be filled out and line members can collect the dues at the time of sign up.
 - Approval of the membership form and proposed process detailed above
 1. Motion: Sativa
 2. Second: Leonidas
 3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Financials Approved.
- Discussion around free membership for past monarchs and titleholders and no longer having these waived. This will be discussed at a later time to determine best course of action
- Membership perks and Definition
 - Will add this to the parking lot to be discussed at next meeting

Events

- Softball Tournament
 - Change of venue to West Gate Little League
 - Bases and bathrooms will be included for \$500
 - Date has been moved officially to November 11th
 - 7 teams are in the works of registering
 - Packet has been prepared and needs to be finalized and reviewed
 - Concessions stand is taken care of and food/beverages are secured

- Will need to have Board assist with money management and PA/hosting. Also to monitor fields and ensure they are being picked up
- Fire and Ice Ball
 - November 24th at Soch
 - Monarchs will plan out with king fathers and queen mothers for their commands
- Monarch Ball
 - Change to February. Swapping with Red Ball
 - Will chose an HIV/AIDS awareness organization/charity for the donations since this is normally what the Red Ball is for
- Red Ball
 - Will be December 15th so it coincides with Worlds Aids day
 - Donations will go towards the Holiday drive since this is the last night to collect for the Holiday Drive
- Show for line members to travel to Colorado Springs
 - This show would be to assist with travel or tickets for the performers of the show to get to Colorado Springs
 - Empress Sativa mentioned that a past monarch has reached out to her and advised that they would be willing to assist with these expenses so the show may not be needed
- Monarch Itinerary
 - October 20th – 22nd Dallas
 - November 3rd – 5th Colorado Springs
 - December 8th – 10th Las Vegas
 - January Indiana for Investitures and possibly Houston
- Other events
 - October 13th Show at Soch
 - October 22nd Show at Soch (Holiday Drive Show)
 - October 28th Youth Show at N'M Power 7pm-10pm
 - October 29th Halloween show at SOCH
 - November 11th Softball Tournament
 - November 12th Underage event at N'Mpower 3pm-6pm
 - November 12th Show at Soch
 - November 24th Fire and Ice Ball
 - December 3rd Under 21 Event and
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 - December 15th Red Ball
 - December 29th New year's Show

Holiday Drive

- List of items needed and amounts needed
 - Same as last year, 200 dinners and list of items will be loaded into the board and monarch chats
 - Some items have already been completely covered by sponsors
 - Will finalize the update on the donation letter so this can be used to try and secure donations on the turkeys/hams from Walmart

- Thanksgiving Drive
 - November 17th to buy first phase of turkeys and delivery to APS
 - First Nations on November 20th
 - Turkey Trots will be done and possible have contest with board vs line
 - Date and location of gift baskets will be decided later in the month
- Christmas Drive
 - 75 people or 25 families of 3.
 - Shopping dates on December 17th, breakfast in the morning provided by Sativa's mother. Approximately 36 people will be taken shopping on this day. Arranging to have rides provided to the families since this will be in the South Valley
 - Will get 10% discount with Walmart vs the normal tax exemption. This does turn out to be more of a savings allowing us to purchase more
 - Gift Wrapping will be an option so families can be supplied with wrapping paper or have us wrap for them. Wrapping party at Effex on same day, December 17th
 - Holiday party will no longer be a pool party due to concerns. Party will be at Side Effex and food will be provided. Date will be December 18th between 1pm – 8pm and families will be able to come and eat and pick up their gifts. After 8pm it will be closed to line members and board members that assisted with the Holiday Drive
 - Distribution of the gift baskets will be finalized with the Principal and First Nations and on next meeting
 - Dates for collecting at Effex, Soch, and Sidewinders
 - Starting November will be each week until December 15th
 - Decision will need to be made on how to utilize the square since there is only 1 to use and 3 locations

Coronation

- Updates
 - Start advertising prices for Coronation, early bird pricing earlier and then increase prices as we get closer to the event, 1 month prior. Colorado Springs has an interesting price increase that they go through 3 different price increases over the course of a few months. Sativa will reach out to them to see how that worked for them and determine if we want to incorporate that into ours
 - Approval to set coronation prices as followed \$100 for early bird package or \$65 coronation, \$25 bus tour, \$20 victory brunch. After cutoff date \$75 for coronation, \$35 for bus tour, \$30 victory brunch.
 1. Motion: Sativa
 2. Second: Seliah
 3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Coronation Prices Approved
 - Ad prices need to be modified. The quarter page ad did not sell so would like to remove that and raise prices for the half and full page ads. \$80 for a half page ad, \$120 for full page ad, \$150 inside cover, \$200 back cover
 1. Motion: Sativa
 2. Second: Leonidas
 3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Ad prices Approved

Board Reports

- Anaconda – None
- Tim – Still think we should raise prices for coronation
- Eric – Sent a revision of the membership sections for the bylaws and procedure manuals. Would be a good idea to start doing this and restructuring to make a logical flow before the rewrite. Would like to see a conversation around this prior to the rewrite. Sativa would like to have a board retreat for this.
- Seliah – NMPower 20th anniversary coming up and want to extend invitation to UCS
- Leonidas – Elderly party for Sage with NMPride and Swank and would include under 21 line members. Possibly 20 line members would be needed for this joint effort
- Sativa – Big conversation topic is around how expensive coronation prices are and how long coronations are. Would like to ask board to share show posters.

Parking Lot

- Membership perks and definitions

Next Meeting

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

Closed Meeting

- At this time Seliah calls for a closed meeting for the board to discuss an issue brought up during talk about sensitivity training and also recommendations on attendees for the Policy and Procedure rewrite
- All non-board members were asked to step out of the meeting
- Minutes will be recorded under Appendix B

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 10:17pm by Vice-President Anaconda Williams.