



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



BOD Meeting Minutes
UNM LGBTQ Resource Center
03-06-2019

In Attendance:

- Board Members Reign XXVI
 - President: Eric-Christopher Garcia
 - Treasurer: Jake Segura
 - Secretary: Tim Winn
 - Membership Coordinator: Rob Sierra-Lopez
 - Emperor XXVI: Antonio Ogaz-Munoz
 - Empress XXVI: Estevan Zamora
- Guests:
 - Michael Karreman
 - Anthony
 - Dakota

Opening

The regular meeting of the United Court of the Sandias was called to order at 07:05pm on 03-06-2019 at UNM LGBTQ Resource Center by President Eric-Christopher Garcia.

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.

Michael would like to bring awareness to a go fund me for Christy Lopez regarding a surgery that she needs to have. Also, Michael will be having a show this Saturday for Mr. Gay Missouri USA at Large at Sidewinders.

Anthony wanted to mention that Red Ribbon will continue their plan for fundraising but without involving the UCS due to the previous concerns that were brought up. He asks for any support from the UCS.

Approval of Agenda Items

- Approval of Agenda Items – Presented by Eric-Christopher
 - No items were mentioned by present members

Approval of Minutes

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

Financials and Invoices

- Approval of Financials – Presented by Jake
 - Need to fix multiple items so motion to postpone approving financials until the corrections can be made. Deadline is Friday March 8th, 2019 and will be approved via board chat and posted immediately when approved.
 1. Motion: Tim
 2. Second: Jake
 3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries, Financials postponed.

Board

- Status on Financial Audit
 - Documents have finally been received but we are lacking most of the financial information that we were hoping for. There is no financial ledger that has the receipts/deposits for reign XXV, or bank statements.
 - Eric-Christopher will continue to work with financial institute to see if we can retrieve our statements. Any inquiries should be directed to Eric-Christopher so he can address this.
 - Antonio states that this is something that needs to be corrected with our financial tracking because close to \$3000 of bills were not paid for from reign XXV and are having to be absorbed this year. We cannot see if this was ever accounted for since the financial book/ledger is missing
 - Tim brought up that we are a step in the right direction now that we are looking to store everything electronically but that we need to get a dropbox or google drive that can be passed on from reign to reign and that way the information is secured for future reigns.

- Eric-Christopher states that we will continue to look at doing this but that getting anything from the past reign is going to be complicated process and that we just need to move on.
- Antonio asked about how this is going to impact us getting our 501c3 status back and that if we are unable to file taxes then we should look at a different approach.
- Membership Update
 - Rob says that we are coming to an end of when we can sell memberships and isn't sure if we stop selling at packet pick-up or are we amending this and continuing to sell.
 - This process is outdated since we have community voting now but since online voting is a perk for the paid membership. We will continue to sell these through campaign season but at a discounted rate
 - Motion to discount membership to \$5 to push online voting for the remaining time of this reign. Also, we will extend the date to purchase to May 20, 2019 at 11:59pm
 1. Motion: Rob
 2. Second: Tim
 3. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained, 0 opposed
 4. Result: Motion Carries.
- Board Insurance Update
 - Still covered for now but working with new representative and having to send a lot of paperwork in. Once this is completed there will also be an auto-draft to ensure this is paid on time and there is no lapse in policy.
- SOCH Agreement
 - Reviewing current SOCH agreement and what shows will need to be held there. Eric-Christopher is letting us know that SOCH is expressing some frustration with UCS not adhering to this. We need to be more diligent to have all events at SOCH and to encourage our title holders to have their events there as well.
 - Another concern was that the UCS shows are poorly attended and we are not bringing an audience. As leaders of the organization we need to ensure that the line members are attending the shows and promoting these shows as much as possible and that if we book a show that we follow through with it as much as possible.
 - Antonio states that he disagrees with the accusation of a lack of leadership because the reign totals are higher than previous reigns. He states that this is not because line and board members are not attending shows but are more geared towards the fact that this reign there are more events being held outside of the bar rather than focusing on just booking shows there.
 - Eric-Christopher reminds us that just because our numbers look good that it doesn't mean that we are maintaining the working relationship with our home bar and to take in to account what they are saying and to find ways to address these concerns.
- Cancellation of Shows
 - There have been 2 shows cancelled this reign and we cannot afford to have any others. Need everyone to help ensure this does not occur and to make certain that everything goes as planned.

Campaign

- Candidate Packets
 - Packet pickup was somehow put down as 3 days, but we have never allowed for that long in the past. After discussion the Board agreed that we will go back to just 1 day.
 - There will also be the ability to get a packet through email if they submit payment via PayPal and it will be verified prior to releasing the packet.
 - Discussion on still having this show on Sunday as has been done in the past. To avoid any confusion with the term “Campaign Closure” being before voting starts. Also, we would want to have the candidates work harder to impress.
 - Date will be moved to Sunday May 26th and voting will be conducted all the way to the end of the show.
 - Now that we have all the finalized details, we will be putting out a flyer as well as sending this in our newsletter.
- Volunteers for Packet Pick Up
 - Rob has volunteered to work this shift for the 4 hours we are offering.

Coronation

- Updates
 - Antonio has asked a few people from Long Beach to do some MC spots and for the dais. Currently considering just having the same people MC for the whole event or limit it to a few.
 - Asking for the script from Long Beach and Waco because they went through very fast and were done early. Possibly looking at mimicking off what they did to speed our coronation up. Looking at having all courts walk in the beginning.
 - So far 3 coronation packages have been sold.
 - PR’s have been notified to secure participants for the Emperor/Empress of the chili peppers.
 - Tim mentioned to try and secure Mama Gwen for the out of town show.
 - Music turn in will be cut off by 2pm on the day of out of town show.
 - Estevan will be working on updating a copy of the events list to hand out to guests at the hotel.
- UCS Awards
 - Eric-Christopher handed out description of all the awards to make sure we are all thinking of the awards that we give out and at a future meeting we will discuss and vote on who will be getting them.

Events

- Mr/Miss Sandias
 - Application will be finalized by Estevan and Eric-Christopher will work on the scoring system
 - Crowns have been ordered and are almost delivered, sashes are being donated by Seliah and have been ordered.
 - Location will be at SOCH
- Monarch Itinerary
 - Antonio going to Vancouver and Ft. Worth
 - Estevan Oklahoma beginning of April

Board Reports

- Eric-Christopher – Wants the Board to start thinking about dissolving the LLC and creating a new one given the state of where we are with financials and taxes and that it is likely not something that can be fixed at this point. We can discuss this in our chat and then decide what is best
- Tim – Please remember to send me any items that need to be typed up or created.
- Rob – None
- Jake – None
- Antonio – Need to have press release for the My Best (Kimo) show and also for Coronation. Also got access to the old website and did get some updates done.
- Estevan – Lots of people at Long Beach coronation said they will be coming to coronation. Also starting to collect reign photos and to please spread word.

Parking Lot

- None

Next Meeting

- The next Board meeting will be April 10th, 2019 at the UNM LGBTQ Resource Center

Adjournment of the meeting

1. Motion: Antonio
2. Second: Jake
3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
4. Result: Motion Carries, Meeting was adjourned at 09:08pm by President Eric-Christopher Garcia.