



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



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BOD Meeting Minutes  
UNM LGBTQ Resource Center  
04-10-2019

**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
  - Nathan
  - Cameron
  - Caelie
  - Frankie
  - Mickie
  - Egypt

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the United Court of the Sandias was called to order at 07:05pm on 04-10-2019 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.  
There are no issues to discuss

### **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: Antonio
  2. Second: Jake
  3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
  4. Result: Motion Carries, Minutes Approved

### **Financials and Invoices**

- Approval of February Financials – Presented by Jake
  - Approval of Financials with the following changes page 8 Let's get turnt charity pay out to \$175 instead of \$171
    1. Motion: Antonio
    2. Second: Tim
    3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
    4. Result: Motion Carries, Financials approved.
- Approval of March Financials – Presented by Jake
  - Approval of Financials with the following changes page 8 charity pay out \$175 instead of \$171, Coronation purchases need to be full amount before fee reduction on page 5 and page 14 the fees should show for the Jan and Feb, and page 18 change fees to \$.74 not \$74
    1. Motion: Tim
    2. Second: Antonio
    3. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed
    4. Result: Motion Carries, Financials approved.

### **Board**

- Status on Financial Audit
  - As per previous board meeting, we do not have enough to reconcile previous reign taxes and at this point taxes will be incomplete. Bank statements and receipts are missing and are preventing finishing this. Jake reports that he does not have enough to satisfy what is needed for previous year taxes and if he files incomplete it is likely to initiate an audit.
  - Previous tabled item was to initiate articles of dissolution. At this moment we will not be able to get our 501c3 back because of the above-mentioned item. This discussion is to bring light to current status of where we stand and to determine next step in dissolving and reincorporating under different name to start over for tax purposes

- Eric-Christopher does not feel that this is the right time with coronation coming up but agrees that it needs to be done. Jake states that the same thing that has occurred with policy and procedures and business is not going to sleep. Tim states that we will always be busy and that we cannot continue to brush this aside any further. Eric stated that we do have the bylaws and procedures ready to go we just need a review. Antonio mentioned that we do not need to involve the whole college of monarchs, only those that are active, and to get input from them and to disregard the rest that are only there to talk. Tim reminded that he has been waiting for that to occur for over 4 months. Tim urges that this needs to be done now and to not bench it. We need to get this done now so it's ready so the next reign is in good shape.
- Eric will start the process for the dissolution, but we will need to make a motion on this and we will also need to reincorporate under new license. After some discussion it was decided that we need to reach out to Tina to finalize and ask these questions. Eric states that he commits to starting the process for the articles of dissolution, preparing for the new name change, and putting together the bylaws and procedures for the new LLC. A list of questions will be prepared to ask Tina when the chat is created to go over the process
- These will be acted on during our normal meeting for May 8<sup>th</sup>, no motions at this time
- Membership Updates
  - There is an unknown membership that needs to be discovered, we may know who this is and Jake will work with Robert to determine who this belongs to
  - Dagger has overpaid for his membership so Robert will need to reach out to him to clarify what to do with the overpayment
  - Monarchs are exempt from membership fees and are able to participate with online voting.
  - Notifying members of online voting with next newsletter as well as introducing new candidates. Members will need to opt in for online voting but will need to have an ID so that we can verify them online
- Lifetimes
  - Concern was brought up to Tim that as a lifetime title holder they were required to purchase a membership in order to attend Q&A. Wanted to clarify that lifetimes still have all their perks and benefits except for the online voting portion and the ability to walk at coronation. These paid memberships are acting as lifetimes because of that extra perk that was added to entice purchases of memberships

## **Campaign**

- Updates
  - 3 Strong Candidates have been passed by the board and have already started campaigning. Shows have been scheduled with Soch for their official candidate shows.

- Voting Information
  - It was expressed by a member that they feel it would be a great idea to have a flyer sent out from the UCS on voting dates/times as well as who can vote and the different options that are available. Antonio will work on getting this together for us to share

### **Coronation**

- Updates
  - Estevan mentioned that we have someone that is expressed interest in being our ball coordinator and listed off the items that this person would be willing to help with. Estevan expressed a feeling that we are already behind on things and this person would help us to make sure that things get done in a timely fashion and would be here to make sure the weekend events would go well and be organized. Eric will talk to him to see what his fees are, and we can deliberate on this later
  - All the walks would be done during first set similar to Long Beach and Oklahoma. Anniversary monarchs would perform during intermissions. Estevan will be going through the scripts to see what other pieces we would like to incorporate.
  - Antonio is in the process of reaching out secure buses but is hesitant about using the past vendor. Will want to specify in the contract that A/C is required. He has received a quote for \$2000/bus that seats 43 people and would be for a 5-hour period
  - We will also need to finalize the timeline for bus tour but need to see if we have unlimited runs or how that will work. Tim emphasized the time it takes to have 1 run to leave the hotel and drop off and then return back is about 50 minutes from hotel to Sidewinders and back
  - Reviewed the coronation checklist to make sure we have not missed any items. We will also setup a coronation retreat to review topics prior to the next board meeting
  - Program needs to be completed before May 13<sup>th</sup> to meet the deadline for printing. We will be submitting a bid for using the UNM printing services, 80 pages per program
  - Spotlight needs to be secured since there is a show at Soch, Eric-Christopher will reach out to Josh to check on these. We are also getting quotes from him for DJ
- UCS Awards
  - These will be decided on for the next meeting. The vendor we use still has the template we used from last year and can turn them out within 7 days. Everyone will need to have nominations ready for that meeting

### **Events**

- Mr/Miss Sandias
  - Crowns and sashes have been received
  - Judges have been secured and Estevan has gotten all the paperwork ready
  - Tim will be the tally master for the evening, Jake will be handling money
  - Performers will be able to keep tips

- Mr. Sandias still has yet to reach out to us so we will begin drafting the letter suspending title and will be delivered by Eric-Christopher
- Red Ball
  - Antonio has asked Lahrya to host and put this together. Just waiting on word back as she had to check her
- Monarch Itinerary
  - Denver
  - Orange County

### **Board Reports**

- Eric-Christopher – Knows that we had a rough month and things were said but hopes that we can move past this and proceed past this and work together in the spirit of cooperation. A lot of the work we do is not seen by everyone and we should not diminish the work that is done by each other regardless of how small it may seem.
- Tim – We need to get to the bottom of whatever is going on. These snide comments at each other need to stop, it gives a bad image that we cannot work with each other without trying to tear each other down.
- Rob – Mark Joel Smith award was given out to Beth. Also providing information on the contracts that were signed by Seliah and Goliath. Easter egg hunt event coming up from MPower this Sunday.
- Jake – Will treat this like any other business and will give the respect that he gets. We aren't here to be best friends but to accomplish a job and we have to work together to be professionally.
- Antonio – Had a challenging month after surgery for his sinuses but now he can breathe. Doesn't remember much but it was fun. Confident that we are meeting our goals and in terms of coronation ticket sales will happen and most of the time they happen within the last 3 weeks. Keep promoting. Also, volleyball game on May 19<sup>th</sup> and will be for Truman clinic with an 80/20 split
- Estevan – Oklahoma was fun, Second to last walk.

### **Parking Lot**

- None

### **Next Meeting**

- The next Board meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the UNM LGBTQ Resource Center

### **Adjournment of the meeting**

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