

Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Albuquerque Press Club

Without objection, the minutes of the 2011 meeting were approved as read.

Board report (Tony Couture)

We have changed our membership definitions to mirror those of the National Press Club. Early in the year we ran a membership special to bring in more media members. Now we have 27 Journalists (from 15), and 31 Communicator members. Media membership at 39%. Overall membership has increased from 150 to 194.

There will be a change in pricing structure for social members for the coming year, dropping to \$120 from \$150.

Manager's report (Jonathan Wright)

Business is good, and still stable even in a recession. We'd like to be doing better and have more events. Feedback on what we can do to be more enticing is welcome. The increase in membership hasn't yet turned into an increase in bar sales.

We have new furniture inside. Both employees and our customers seem happy.

Facilities (Tony Couture and Thom Wright)

In addition to the new furniture, we also have a new sign out front. There are new bar stools and bar rail has been refinished. The place is cleaned up and looking better thanks to Jon and the cleaning staff. The health inspectors have graded us much better, and have shown us as a good example for trainees.

The roof still has not been done because of city regulation delays, but the project should be ready to go forward early next year. Insulation will be added to the roof, so that we can restore the front room to its original, open state. The club has made enough money in the last few years to pay for the project.

Social report (Thom Wright)

There used to be events on a regular, generally monthly basis, such as holiday events, Spamfest, and other regular things. These haven't been happening this year because there have been no volunteers to organize them.

Financial report (Thom Wright)

We have had five consecutive good financial years. We've changed our business model and cut costs. Bar sales are an important component of our business. Private events bring in profits, so please keep us in mind for private events.

P&L report.

President's report (Tony Couture)

The front room has been a non-smoking room, and there has been discussion of opening it up to smoking, and we'd like to get feedback and opinions on this issue. Consensus seems to hold that it would be appropriate to leave it as non-smoking. The question has been brought up because the front room has been underused, and we would like to find ways to use the room more often. The floor was opened to ideas as to how to do this. Suggestions included: better lighting/accent lighting, round tables/spaces for groups to sit (i.e. seating not just around the perimeter), and putting games in the room (and advertise this fact). Thanks from Jon for the input.

Member input:

A new member brought up a lack of follow-up after membership was approved. Physical mail such as postcards was suggested.

WHPF report (Tony Couture and Thom Wright)

All members of the club are also members of the foundation. The purpose of the foundation is to maintain the Whittlesey house. Donations are tax deductible. Thank you to those who have made donations, such as Steve Satchwell.

Barry Hatcher is treasurer of the foundation. Our building is listed as one of the most endangered historic buildings. These buildings are expensive to maintain, so please consider donating.

Website (Tony Couture)

Our website can be found at Albuquerque Press Club.net, or QPressClub.com. Events, minutes, donors, photos, and other information are posted there. We also have a Facebook page.

New Business

Elections:

Officers are elected to 1 year terms and directors to 2 year terms.

One of our board members has moved, and so we will have to replace him.

This year's returning directors are Pam Micker, and Kouri Antinone (running for VP).

Nominees for officer positions were:

President - Tony Couture

Vice President - Kouri Antinone

Secretary - Thom Wright

Treasurer - Jim Riordan

Motion to thank outgoing board for their service made, seconded, and passed.

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion was made to accept officer positions by acclamation. Motion was seconded and passed.

Six nominees ran for five director positions: Dawn Catanach, Bob Springer, Barry Hatcher, Chris Potter, Erin Debenport, and Ken Hargis. No nominations were made from the floor. Recess for casting and counting ballots.

Results: Barry Hatcher, Bob Springer, Ken Hargis, Dawn Catanach, and Erin Debenport are our new directors.

Tony thanks Chris Potter for his service to the board, and Loida Wright for balloting. Loida thanks Tamara Couture for the help in counting ballots.

Steve Satchwell made a motion to have a moment of silence for deceased members Rick Allen and Eric Johnson. Seconded. Moment of silence held.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Submitted ,

Dawn Catanach