

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Albuquerque Press Club

Date: 12/13/2015 Time: 2:00 PM

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Members Present:

President: Thom Wright

Vice President: Kouri Antinone

Treasurer: David Donaldson

Manager: Maynard Cowan

Director: Ken Hargis

Director: Steve Satchwell

Director :Kristin Elliot

Director: Adam DeAloe

Thom Wright read the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting and they were approved as read.

President's Report; Thom Wright. Thom referred to 2015 as being the fiftieth anniversary of the Press Club and he provided a brief synopsis of the club's development. He referred to the Whittlesey House Preservation Foundation, a separate non-profit entirely owned by the members of the Albuquerque Press Club. He made a brief report on the renovations and repairs incurred during 2015 and commented on the Parking Lot status. Thom elaborated on the responsibilities that are involved in the position of Board President. Thom referred to Dave Smoker, and expressed appreciation for his support over the years.

Vice-President's Report: Kouri Antinone. Kouri indicated that she has worked very closely with Maynard Cowan, the club manager, and she complimented the staff for doing such a stellar job this past year. She referred to former Bartender, Seth Hall, for his dedication while working for the Club.

Secretary's Report. David Donaldson. David reminded members that the position entailed showing up at all meetings and following up with a detailed report. Minutes are subsequently posted on the club website.

Treasurer's Report: Thom reported for Cynthia Stepleton, who is currently undergoing surgery. He emphasized the responsibilities of the Treasurer's position. Thom passed out a treasurer's report that was circulated to attending members.

Membership Report: Adam Di Aloe. Adam reported that he replaced a former board member in mid-term, and is relatively new to the Membership Committee. Adam provided statistics on membership and reported on the new dues schedule.

Web and Media Report: Ken Hargis. Ken referred to the Club's revised website Abqpress.club and requested that members provide feedback about its content. Ken also reported on the Club Newsletter which is being directed to membership via e-mail.

Social Committee: Kristen Elliot, Kristen reported that the club is establishing a presence on Facebook and that there have been several radio shows, (podcasts) directly from the Club house.

Audit Committee: Jim Riordan. Jim was not present at the meeting. Thom reported that he meets on a regular basis with Jim to go over and audit Club records. Kouri Antinone made a motion to acknowledge Bob Springer and Barry Hatch for their help with Club history, accounts and records.

Whittlesey House Preservation Foundation: Steve Satchwell reported on the Whittlesey House Foundation. He referred to its tax deductible status. Steve also made a motion of appreciation for Thom Wright's ten years involvement on the Board of Directors.

Manager's Report: Maynard Cowan. Maynard referred to the many events scheduled at the club this year and expressed his appreciation for members involvement and patronage. He praised his staff for their personal involvement in helping to recruit new members. He also referred to the new Saturday and Sunday openings.

Membership Voices: Eliza Schmidt commented on the Club's smoking policy. A voice from the floor wanted to recognize Eric Mc. Croon and other deceased members.

New Business: Elections

Kouri Briefly described some of the responsibilities of board members and the positions we would be electing including President Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 directors.

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

Nominations for President: Adam Di Aloe

Vice-President: Kouri Antinone

Secretary: David Donaldson
Marshal Foster

Treasurer: Jyllian Roach

Directors: Steve Satchwell
Rhian Hibner
Steve Fye
Frank Serriani

RESULTS OF ELECTION:

President: Adam DeAloe

VP: Kouri Antinone

Treasurer: Jyllian Roach

Secretary: Marshal Foster

Directors:

New: Steve Satchwell, Rhian Hibner, Steve Fye, Frank Serriani

Continuing: Ken Hargis, Kristin Elliott

Past President: Thom Wright

There being no further business: Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by David Donaldson, Secretary, December 16, 2015