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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 11 DECEMBER 2016

Members Present:

President Kouri Antinone, Vice President Frank Serriani, Acting Treasurer Steve Satchwell, Secretary Rhian Hibner, Directors Ken Hargis, Kristin Elliott, Steve Fye, Justin Cumley

Minutes of the previous general meeting read.

Motion by Steve Satchwell to accept minutes as read. No objections, motion passes.

Floor Discussion of Constitutional Amendments:

Motion by Claude to postpone vote on constitutional changes until each member has received a copy of amendments and a copy of the constitution and that the vote be postponed until that point. Seconded by Steve Satchwell.

Rip Williams proposed an amendment that the club only needs to show that it made a good faith effort to send these to each member.

Motion passed as amended, without objection.

Will send out amendments by January 1st. Will call another meeting by the middle of January.

Presidents Report:

Dealing with the parking lot, which is slightly different than originally planned. Very excited that it is open. Thanks to Thom Wright, David Donaldson, and Liam Houke for making sure that this was beneficial to the club. The club is actually not losing more than a couple spaces. Back 40 will be available by January.

Thanks and appreciation to Hali Loving for taking over, and to Maynard Cowan for his help and support. Maynard did an amazing job to help create a thriving community and business.

Hali has done a fantastic job taking over in Maynard's absence.

Thanks to Frank and Rhian for serving admirably.

Indebted to everyone for their service and love for this club.

Apartment renovations and boiler replacement last year took their toll, we are not looking at the best year, but we are still in the black. Strong in terms of events. Club loyalty and interest has increased greatly.

Kouri hopes that she served well since first elected in 2008.

We want to create continuity of lineage, to make sure that others can take over. We also want our community to grow, as Journalists, Communicators and Social members.

Vice President's Report:

There has been a lot of tumult at the board level. Kouri's dedication to the club is admirable. Thanks to everyone that stepped up this year. We need to encourage members to get involved. If people want to step up and get involved that would be great.

Secretary's Report:

Thanks to Josh Lovato for all his help this year.

Nothing else to report.

Audit & Treasurer:

We had a bit of a crisis on the board this year, didn't have people to manage the books properly. Maynard was manager of the club until June 30th, and has been helping Hali to code things properly, along with the accountant that we hired. We were getting letters from IRS every month while Maynard was manager until the new board came on. Hired Monica Yeltin to be our new accountant, and we have not gotten a single letter from the IRS since.

We are down on liquor sales by \$20,000. We are also down on rentals, memberships, and apartments as well.

We threw fewer events this year.

We lost the tenant on upstairs apartment in July, and discovered structural problems that had to be fixed. Issues with bathroom and kitchen cost \$4000 dollars to fix. We have not realized full income from our apartment properties in about a year and a half, due to regular vacancies.

Membership is down by 31%. We need to push new people to join. Turning guests into members has been a continuing problem.

We reduced expenses by 63% over the last year, and reduced spending on supplies and alcohol by 16%. Water bill was much higher than usual, but the underlying problems are being addressed.

Janitorial expenses have gone up. We used to have an employee janitor, but we hired a company to replace them. Payroll and janitorial supply expenses went down, though overall costs increased slightly. We should be looking for ways to counteract the costs.

Office expense are up due to buying a new printer.

Professional expenses are down from last year.

On repair and maintenance, we spent \$24,000 this year, versus \$5000 last year. This is because we had to replace the boiler and the gas line in December.

Without repair expenses, we would have made money this year.

Membership Report:

Due to changes in Office 365, we didn't have a copy of Access for about two months. There are about 170 members as of this meeting. We do have a lot of new members, as well as old members returning to the club.

Web & Media:

The website was updated to a new design this year. We are in the process of gathering all of our domain names under the club's ownership, rather than leaving them in the hands of individual members. Thanks to Rip Williams for signing over the domains that he used to own. We are looking to get domains transferred back from other members.

Social Media:

Our Facebook page has grown to 1100 likes. One of the tasks for the next year is to convert those people into members. We are working on getting more communicative with our members. Thanks to Steve Satchwell for being a pillar of support and font of knowledge.

Manager's Report:

Took over in July. Thanks to Maynard for all his help. Since becoming manager, there have been a few setbacks with the building. Renovation on the apartment is almost done. Hali wants to work on the foundation issues and to remodel the bar area.

WHPF:

WHPF is a non-profit foundation whose purpose is to keep this building occupied. WHPF is a non-profit, and can accept monetary donations. This is a 113 year old building, and needs a lot of maintenance. Every member of the club is a WHPF member. The President and one other designated by the APC board also serves on the WHPF board, though the APC President cannot be the president of the WHPF. Four positions must be people who are not on the APC board.

Old Business:

Steve Satchwell let us know that this year we lost Marie Bennett, former cohost of the news with Tom Joles.

Elections:

Motion that nominations for president be closed, by Steve Satchwell. Seconded by Steve Fye.

Steve Fye moves that Frank Serriani be accepted by acclimation, seconded by Rip Williams.

Kim Shae moves that Maynard Cowan be accepted by acclimation, seconded by Steve Fye.

Motion by Ken Hargis that Courtney Foster be accepted by acclimation, seconded by Harvey Dayhoff

Motion by Steve Fye to close nominations. Seconded by several.

Steve Fye moves that we end discussion and go to a vote. Seconded by multiple members.

Election Results:

Thanks to Dawn Catanach, James Roach, and Jennifer Ford for serving on the election committee.

President: Kevin Fuller

Vice President: Frank Serriani

Treasurer: Maynard Cowan

Secretary: Courtney Foster

Directors:

Ken Hargis

Kristin Elliott

Justin Cumley

Chris Lock

Returning Directors:

Steve Fye

Steve Satchwell

Congratulations to everyone that won, and thanks to everyone that ran for election.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Hargis, and seconded by Steve Satchwell.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.