

Minutes of the 7/9/12 Meeting of the Albuquerque Press Club Board of Directors

Members present:

President Tony Couture, Vice President Thom Wright, Secretary Dawn Catanach, Treasurer Jim Riordan, Directors Kouri Antinone, Barry Hatcher, Steve Hurlburt, Pam Micker, Chris Potter, Bob Springer.

Also present: Manager Jonathan Wright

Without objection, the minutes of the 6/11/12 meeting were approved.

Officer and Committee Reports

President's report (Tony Couture)

The city approved plans for the roof with conditions: they wanted a 9" fascia instead of 12". The appeal date has passed. The plans have been redesigned with three different options to be presented to the city in another meeting. Tony is of the opinion that the roof project is not worth doing if our plans are not approved, in which case we should simply re-shingle it instead.

Vice president's report (Thom Wright)

We hope that the new sketches will be acceptable. The contractor who did the neighboring hotel was in the group we had to present the plans to.

Treasurer's report (Jim Riordan)

"No report this meeting. It'll be next meeting. Issues." (There was a problem with Quickbooks.)

Manager's report (Jonathan Wright)

The walk-in cooler is running pretty well, but we have had some problems because of the humidity. The settings have been adjusted to deal with ice formation. We might get a de-humidifier box for it.

There was a temporary roof repair to patch the roof. There have been no leaks during the recent thunderstorms.

There were lots of events in June, and July looks to be busy as well.

Volunteers for Friday barbecues are still needed.

Web and Media Committee report (Thom)

We keep the website generally current. Please send any pictures of club events to Thom.

Membership Committee report (Tony)

Membership report not printed and will be e-mailed. We have had a steady increase in membership, and we now have 186 voting members. Communicator/Journalist memberships are a significant portion of our increased membership. This month we have 7 new applicants: Melody Camahan; Charles Doss; Larry Harris; Chris Schuler gave no sponsor, there was a question as to whether this was a renewal; Nick DiPascal; Eric Greenwood; and Jonathan Mack. A motion to approve all pending sponsorship made, seconded, passed.

There was extensive discussion regarding the membership renewal of Zed Barnett. When he was a member previously, he was associated with a group that created an atmosphere in the club that coincided with a drop in membership. However, since his recent return to the club, Zed has not been involved in any problems at the club. Thom's concern is that other members of the group (the "Comrades of Chaos") may also come back to the club and behave the way they did before, thus his vote on this membership is no. Kouri wonders about any official action taken against the Comrades of Chaos, and whether we might consider a probationary membership for Zed, as he no longer associates with others from this worrisome group. A motion to reject the membership and welcome Zed as a guest was made, seconded, passed.

Other renewals with gaps after end of the membership period included: Keith Prufer, and Heather Donovan (there might have been an error on the date). General policy for such cases is that re-application resets the renewal clock. A motion to re-set Keith's renewal to July was made, seconded, and approved.

One member, Cisco, paid extra when he renewed. He was approved for a two-year renewal.

Social Committee report (Chris Potter)

We are bringing in a musical group on July 20th to play during the barbecue.

Jon: The craft beer group has ten members wanting to join.

Art Committee report (Kouri Antinone)

The current show is doing well, and six pieces have sold. Thanks to Tamara for bringing in this artist.

August will feature a joint show with Wookie and Kouri.

Audit Committee report (Bob)

Things look pretty good. Nothing looks terribly wrong.

Buildings and Grounds report

This was covered in the manager's report.

Unfinished Business

We are still waiting on spring cleaning.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned without objection.

Submitted 8/13/12,

Dawn Catanach