

Minutes: Press Club, Board Meeting Tuesday, July 14th, 2015

PRESS CLUB BOARD MEETING

DATE: LOCATION: Press Club board room

Meeting called to order: 7:05 PM

Members Present:

President, Thom Wright

Vice President: Kouri Antinone; Secretary: David Donaldson; Director: Ken Hargis.
Director: Kristin Elliott; Membership Chair: Adam DeAloe

Member Absent:

Treasurer: Cynthia Stepleton; Director: Jim Riordan; Director Erin Debenport;
Director: Steve Satchwell; Manager: Maynard Cowan.

President's Report: (thom Wright)

Thom accepted a motion to approve June minutes. Kouri approved; Ken seconded; Minutes were approved without contest

Thom presented an outline of activities and details that had to be addressed since the June board meeting. The list included specific repairs and maintenance of the building. Included were: replacing cooler water lines; reframing the windows; installing proper stops for the window sashes; installing flashings around the windows on the south side of the boardroom area; sealing flashings at the fireplace chimney; resealing the bar exhaust fan; repairing a railing at the top of the stairs; replacing leaky water lines, and several more tasks.

Thom reported that our Treasurer, Cynthia Stapleton is recuperating and she is expected to rejoin the board at our next meeting in August. In the interim, Bobby has been helping to resolve some of the tax issues. Some of the issues requiring attention are payroll reporting from 2012 and the franchise fee. Thom thinks that many of the other tax issues have been resolved.

On a completely different matter, the State legislature recently changed the liquor license renewal dates. The Club has normally renewed in July, but the renewal date has been moved to November 1st and we must pay an additional fee for the four months extension. Because of the new legislation, we will have to make update corrections in the operations manual.

Vice President's Report: (Kouri Antinone) Everything seems to be going along well. The women's rest room needs fixing; The Club has had a number of successful private events and several more are planned through-out the Fall and Winter. The club has experienced additional revenue as a result of the "new" noon opening on Saturdays.

Kouri reported that there is high praise for Khalil's Wednesday, comedy, improve, & D.J. Another one of Khalil's innovations has been to utilize over abundance of certain liquor for creative specialty drinks. Adam DeAloe, the new membership chair has been training with Seth, who will be leaving at the end of July. Club manager, Maynard Cowan, has been training Ben, our new bar-tender. Every things to be in decent shape, and finally, the club will be hosting a going away party for Seth-probably during the first week of August,

Treasurer's Report: (Cynthia Stepleton) Cynthia was absent and Thom reported for Cynthia. Thom reminded the board that Cynthia expects to be back next month; We still have a large back-log that will require a lot of attention. Thom went over the Profit & Loss statement for June, 2015. He will ask Maynard to look into the possibility of setting up a system to use debit card. While debit cards may be useful when the bar isn't crowded, it may not be such a good idea when there are lots of patrons at the bar.

Kouri reminded the board that we are seeing a steady increase in our income; The club has been very fiscally conservative these past six to eight months.

Secretary's Report: (David Donaldson) David reported that his general policy is to send a first draft of the minutes to Thom for review. If Thom is away or too busy, David will send a copy of the minutes to Ken for his comment and feed-back. Since Ken is responsible for posting the minutes on the Club web-site, it's important that he have an opportunity to review it for accuracy, spelling and punctuation. David acknowledged Ken's help with the June minutes.

Manager's Report: (Maynard Cowan) Maynard was not present

Membership Report: (Formerly Seth Hall, currently Adam DeAloe) Kouri presented Seth's last report; we have seven new members; unfortunately the page listing resignations was not available. The board will need to get a list of the members who resigned. Adam will be taking over as the new membership chair. We still have Q-Pressclub.com old website for standard forms. Need to change in membership data base.

Without objection; all seven pending members approved.

Web & Media Report. (Ken Hargis) Ken reported that All of the modifications have been made and are currently on-line; He also reported that the missing photo galleries are now on the web-page.

Social: & Media Report: (KristinElliott) Kristin reported that she has been extremely busy this past month but she is actively working on Seth's going away party the first week of August, and, is still aiming for an activity in September to commemorate the Club's 50th anniversary.

Art committee: (Kouri Antinone) Kouri reported that a number of anticipated art exhibitions fell through. However, she is still hoping to get the animal art. exhibition this

winter. Nathan Perry's art just came down; the exhibition resulted in \$300 for the Club. November and December fully booked. Meg Hein will be featured in December.

Audit Committee. (Jim Riordan) Jim was absent, Thom reported that a lot of paper-work has been back-logged due to Cynthia absence. Thom also commented that certain documents require the treasurer's authorization before implementation, Thom reported that both Bob Springer and Jim Riordan are concerned about the growing back-log

Building and Grounds; (Thom Wright) Apartment being vacated by Seth needs some up-keeping.

Community Liaison: neighborhood association (David Donaldson) David reported that his article about the Press Club in the Huning Highland Neighborhood Association was well received and he has been getting a number of inquiries from neighborhood people about the cost of joining the Club.

Unfinished business:

Thom accepted a motion that Adam DeAloe be appointed the new membership chair. Kouri first; Kristen second.

Thom accepted a motion that Adam fill the board position vacated by Pam Micker when she resigned. David First. Kouri second

Thom reminded the board that we will need to put together a nominating committee for next year's board members.

New business:

David Donaldson in his role as Community Liaison, has been actively promoting the Board's position that the Albuquerque Press Club is an important historical and social establishment in The Huning Highland Neighborhood. David speculated that it would attract more neighborhood participation if the board considered a small discount for neighborhood residents. Thom Wright felt that the expression neighborhood residents was too broad a category, and he recommended that the board limit the definition to members of the Huning Highland Neighborhood Association. With that clarification in mind, Thom accepted a motion that the Press Club offer members of The Huning Highland Historical Neighborhood Association a \$25 discount off the Club's current social membership rate. Kristin approved the motion and Ken seconded it. It was passed without objection. Kouri reminded the board that the application fee still applies and that the standard \$25 supplemental fee for spouse/partners is still intact.

David will report the Club's decision to the Neighborhood Association Board at their annual meeting and picnic on August 2nd.

Motion to adjourn: Without objection

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Minutes respectfully submitted by: David Donaldson, Secretary