

## Minutes of the 11/14/11 Meeting of the Albuquerque Press Club Board of Directors

Members present:

President Thom Wright, Vice President Tony Couture, Secretary Dawn Catanach, Directors Kouri Antinone, Pam Micker, Chris Potter, Barry Hatcher.

Also present: Manager Jonathan Wright

Without objection, the minutes of the 9/12/11 meeting were approved as amended, and the minutes of the 10/10/11 meeting were approved.

### Officer and Committee Reports

#### President's report

The nominations are posted. There are no new officer nominations, and Barry Hatcher, Bob Springer, and Chris Potter are returning as directors. Pam Micker, Paul Hurlburt, Steve Satchwell, and Gina Huffard are running for director. There was an e-mail from Brad Mosley nominating Kurt D. Schulz, MD for board. He has contacted but there was no reply so it is unknown if he wants to run.

Barry renegotiated our insurance and saved \$1200.

Repairs on the lower apartment have been done and the damaged window sash will be repaired. Seth and Sarah are moving in soon.

The Medina mess has been dealt with and an e-mail went out.

In December, the board meeting will take place before the annual meeting on the 11th. The board meeting will be at 10:00 and the annual at noon.

#### Vice president's report

Next month, we will discuss redefining membership criteria to mirror those of the National Press Club, which are broader.

The push for more media members is on track for open enrollment in January.

#### Treasurer's report

P&L report. The net income looks better because of insurance and property taxes; next month these will probably be negative. Credit card fees are still going up; reward cards can be rejected/charged more; we are looking into a new system for next year. YTD: doing better than last year, but not as dramatically as the report shows because of repairs done last year and big charges coming up this month. Janitorial has been moved to payroll

#### Manager's report

We have had an abnormally high number of outside alcohol offenses over the last month.

On October 22, a guy came in with a growler from Chama while a band was playing. He was asked to leave but was later found sitting on front steps. A member nearby didn't say anything, and it is unknown whether he knew the guy. Also on October 22, a beer bottle and cap of a beer we sell on tap was found at one of the tables. Manager seeks guidance on what to do about this. A motion to have a committee consisting of Thom, Tony, and Potter to deal with it was made and seconded. The motion passed.

The bluegrass group and others have been making messes, including a bluegrass member putting out a cigarette on a couch. They have been spoken to several times about leaving messes. Pictures of the disarray were passed out. The group won't be invited back if the place

continues to be left a mess.

Jon is meeting early next week with a local company that has developed an iPad-based point-of-sale system.

A new lighted sign in the works, which will include the words "private club."

David Canning was fired.

#### Membership Committee report

Six purging members.

New members approved.

#### Art Committee report

There is art on the walls!

Tamara Couture has expressed interest in helping with the art committee.

The hanging system has not been fully figured out yet. We will try to add to the track lighting as well, if possible.

Jon will have a show up next month.

#### Web and Media Committee report

Potter and Jon or Thom will work on the website soon. Maybe one of these days they'll be able to post the board meeting minutes on it.

#### Buildings and Grounds report

A motion that dues remain the same for next year was made and seconded. Motion passed.

#### Unfinished Business

##### New Business

A motion was made that the Press Club be the sponsor for all Professional Media and Associate Media members being a group qualified as corporate members. The operation manual's corporate member pricing section will be modified by adding the sentences, "All Professional Media and Associate Media memberships qualify for Corporate member pricing (1/2 of listed standard rate) without requirement for the 4 full price memberships. This Corporate membership is sponsored by the 11 Albuquerque Press Club. Motion seconded. With permission of the mover, the motion was changed to: Dues structure for next year will be \$50 for professional, \$100 for associate, and all others remain unchanged. Amended motion was seconded and passed.

Gina Huffard, as social spouse member, wants to run for the board. A motion to switch the primary membership for the couple to Gina was made. Motion was amended to terminate his membership and begin hers. Amended motion was seconded and passed.

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

Submitted 12/11/10,

Dawn Catanach