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BOARD MINUTES, 12 SEPTEMBER 2016

Members Present:

President Kouri Antinone, Vice President Frank Serriani, Directors Steve Satchwell, Ken Hargis, Rhian Hibner.

Members Absent:

Treasurer Jyllian Roach, Secretary Marshall Foster, Directors Kristin Elliot and Steve Fye, Past President Thom Wright

Also Present:

General Manager Hali Loving, Justin Cumley

Minutes Approved:

No minutes to approve.

President's Report:

The liquor license was turned into Alcohol & Gaming in Santa Fe on time.

Several board members were lost due to failure to turn in required materials for the liquor license. This includes Treasurer Jyllian Roach, and Past President Thom Wright. This can be considered *de facto* resignation. Marshall Foster resigned his position by email.

Kouri asked for a motion to appoint Rhian Hibner as Secretary. Motion made by Ken Hargis that we accept Rhian Hibner as Secretary. Seconded by Frank Serriani. Without opposition, the motion carries.

Kouri asked for a motion to fill Rhian Hibner's now vacated directorship. Rhian Hibner moves that Justin Cumley be accepted to be his replacement as Director for the rest of the year. Seconded by Steve Satchwell. Without opposition, the motion carries.

Turning in the liquor license turned out to be much easier than Thom Wright had led the board to believe, in addition, he was not forwarding emails from Alcohol & Gaming to Kouri.

Kouri thanks Rhian Hibner for his help with getting the liquor license filed.

Vice President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Due to the vacancy in this position, the financial report was delivered by GM Hali Loving.

Financials down this month compared to last year, however, still firmly in the black. Notable expenses include:

Rekeying of the Boiler Room and Upstairs Apartment.

Replacing the vacuum compressor on the reach-in cooler.

Increase of credit card fees due to increase of credit card use versus cash.

A club credit card was mistakenly used to purchase food for employees before a very large event. There was some discussion of whether this should be allowed or not.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report:

Football Sundays began again on Sunday the 11th.

The Upstairs Apartment has serious issues with the bathroom, parts of the ceiling, and the windows, as well as having a heater that needs to be replaced. Several estimates were considered. Steve and Rhian asked if the apartment was historical, and it was confirmed that it is not, though we want to keep the aesthetic in line with the main building.

Steve Satchwell moved that we approve renovation of the upstairs apartment bathroom. Seconded by Ken Hargis. Without objection, the motion carries.

The remainder of apartment repairs will be revisited at a later date.

Membership:

Membership is up over last month. Four members are up for approval, and without objection, all four are approved.

Web & Media:

Hours have been updated for the Sunday football event.

Domain names have been transferred from Rip Williams, as per his agreement with the club to reinstate his membership.

Requests to transfer domain names from Jon Wright and Thom Wright have gone without answer. Justin Cumley has agreed to approach Jon Wright about getting the domains in his name transferred to the club.

Rhian suggested that we should have permanent email addresses for board officers.

There was discussion on whether or not we should offer advertising on our web site to local business. General consensus is that we should, but no motion was made on the subject.

Social Media:

No report.

Neighborhood Liaison:

No report.

Social Committee:

Excellent event with Guerilla Photo Group (GPG.) Thanks to Shawna, Rip, and Justin for their handling of the event, and thanks to Rhian for helping with security during the event.

The club lost the Witches Ball event, for reasons unknown to the club.

Khalil would like to make the annual Halloween party a member event, and will discuss with Scarlett (the host of previous events) the logistics of this.

There will be a member potlach the second Saturday of each month. Kouri suggests that we replace the November event with a chili cook-off. Steve suggested that we look into bringing back the Spamfest event of years past.

Art Committee:

There was an impromptu show in the front room featuring art by Eliza Schmitd. The GPG art show is ongoing through the rest of the month. Kouri has high hopes for decent sales of art from this show.

Buildings & Grounds:

The columns supporting the northwest patio are not actually tied to the building, and some of them have become prone to shifting. While options to tie them in are being explored, the northwest patio shall be closed to the public. The Buildings & Grounds committee will report back to the board with options on remedying the situation.

The spigot on the north side of the building needs to be replaced, as well as the one next to the upstairs apartment. This should be done before the first hard freeze.

A new stereo system was installed in the bar, as well as new shelving to place it on.

The window on the north side of the Green Room needs to be replaced.

Kudos again to Josh Lovato for all his help around the club.

Old Business:

The Newsmaker Luncheon is effectively dead for this year, and will be revisited in 2018.

The current work in the parking lot does not match what was agreed upon with the City. We need to reach out to find out what is going. Liam Hoque (our neighbor) needs to be contacted as well, for whatever information he can give us.

New Business:

There are amendments to the constitution that have been proposed. Board members are to read through the proposed changes and comment on them at the next meeting.

The basic focus of the proposed changes are to reverse changes that have been made, and to ensure that the constitution is the primary guiding document for the club.

A nominating committee needs to be formed. Kouri Antinone is leading, and Steve Satchwell has agreed to serve. Additionally, Hali Loving has agreed to be on the committee and will ask Khalil to serve.

Kouri suggested that we repair the engraving on the plaque on the east end of the bar, which originally bore Bob Springer's name. Additionally, she suggests adding 6 smaller plaques above it, which we will use to recognize service to the club.

It was also suggested that we ask Bob Springer to be an honorary judge in the November chili cook-off.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.