

# The Albuquerque Press Club

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10/13/2020 7:00pm

Regular Meeting- Called to order at 7:03pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Dunagan -President, Justin Cumley -Vice President, Maynard Cowen -Treasurer, Lynn Embick -Secretary, Sarah Blanton -Director, David Hayden -Director, Ken Hargis -Director, Adam Gates -Director

Absent Board Members: Will Fitzpatrick -Director

Also in Attendance:

## Reading and Approval of Minutes

- Motion made by Maynard to approve September 2020 meeting minutes. Seconded by Justin. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Sarah to approve March regular meeting minutes, as amended for grammar by Lynn. Seconded by David. Motion passed.
- Motion made by David to approve March Executive Session minutes with amendments. Seconded by Ken. Motion passed.

## Officers' Reports

- President—Laura Dunagan
  - Liquor license renewal has not been sent in yet. Due at the end of the month.
  - Will appeal to ABC regarding renewal as we are not allowed to operate.
  - Modified the letter sent to the governor and sent to the Exemption Committee. No confirmation or denial.
- Vice President—Justin Cumley
  - Nothing to report
- Treasurer—Maynard Cowen
  - PandL distributed to Board members
  - Income from rentals
  - Cancelling subscriptions that are not in use and maintaining necessary subscriptions, insurance, and utilities.
  - Expense for equipment: traps for skunks and squirrels
  - Additional expense for relocation of skunk
- Secretary—Lynn Embick
  - Nothing to report

## Manager's Report

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## Committee Reports

- Art - Mukul Gadde/Justin Cumley
  - Nothing to report
- Buildings and Grounds - David Hayden
  - Downstairs bathrooms complete except for touch-up paint on walls. Needs more paint. Maynard to purchase.
  - Uninvited guests have been removed: 5 squirrels, 1 skunk, and 4 mice
  - Garden Club/Clean up committee did not meet this past weekend. Could still finish irrigation system. Laura to bring used pipe and connectors.
  - Water to hill should be turned off before first freeze
  - Laura suggests setting a date to drain and winterize swamp coolers. 2013 Mastercool pads need to be replaced. David recommends waiting till spring for replacement.

- David has identified motion sensor lights that can be purchased for \$30 each. Will send info to Maynard for purchase.
- The committee to update the Building and Grounds description has not met.
- Laura requests David double check old minutes turned in to ensure fair compensation.
- Maynard still needs to get estimate to repair electrical box. David suggests putting off repair as the box is currently secured and not a necessary expense at the moment.
- Laura suggests Board members take turns driving by the Club at night to disperse responsibility of homeless issue. Adam will drive by after work. Justin will drive by on Wednesdays. Members are encouraged to call David and police if trespassers do not immediately vacate.
- Web & Media -
- Membership - Laura Dunagan
  - One membership renewal in September
  - Extending memberships through end of year
- Newsletter - Laura Dunagan
  - Has received two articles, advertisement, and multiple pictures from Lynn.
  - Laura to check in with Will on the article he volunteered to write.
  - Laura will write a President's Address.

#### Unfinished Business

- Haunted house cancelled by order of the governor. Laura suggests outside decorating and sending a notice to members to drive by. Will continue conversation by email.
- Press Conference Committee (Will) has not met
- Code of Conduct Committee (Will) has not met

#### New Business

- Annual Meeting
  - Will have four offices and four Director positions to fill
  - David and Will will retain their positions for another year
  - Board agrees to Laura sending a message to membership indicating that December would be our regularly scheduled meeting. She will encourage members to consider running for a position on the board. We will keep the date on the calendar with the understanding that the Annual Meeting will likely be postponed as we are currently forbidden by state mandate to conduct in-person meetings on a large scale.
  - Decision will be revisited at next meeting
  - Board to consider adding language to our constitution that could help move things forward in the event of a repeat of our unusual circumstances.

Sarah requested a 5 min. break at 8:21.

Reconvened at 8:26.

- Justin brought a proposal from the motorcycle community to run a fundraiser for the Club.
  - Laura suggests that donations be made to WHPF for building maintenance.
- Laura is set to send out a general call for donations through an email campaign.
- David suggests a partnership with a local distiller in order to qualify to reopen.
  - Local breweries and distilleries are allowed to have up to three locations per license.
  - Would there be a conflict or overlap in licensure for us?
  - Could we qualify as a tap room, storage, or bottling facility?
  - Laura and David to follow up.
- Maynard informed the Board that we have a liability insurance payment of apx. \$10,000 due November 1 and \$5,500 in property tax due in December (can be broken up into ½ in December, ½ in May). \$46-49,000 in accounts, including WHPF. Board is in general agreement that action of some kind to reassess our business model needed sooner, rather than later.
  - Laura and David to look into distillery/brewery partnership
  - Adam to look into options to expand to coffee shop service
  - Maynard to look into food truck options
  - All will report back through email within the next two weeks.

Motion made by Justin to adjourn. Seconded by Sarah. Motion passed, and meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.