

Minutes of the 2/13/12 Meeting of the Albuquerque Press Club Board of Directors

Members present:

President Tony Couture, Vice President Thom Wright, Treasurer Jim Riordan, Directors Kouri Antinone, Barry Hatcher, Steve Hurlburt, Pam Micker.

Also present: Manager Jonathan Wright, Heather Donovan.

Officer and Committee Reports

President's report (Tony Couture)

There is a new law under consideration that would require fire suppression systems for all buildings over 5000 sq. ft. or with an occupancy over 100, which would affect us. However, the law has not been passed at this point.

A member whose party was cancelled sent a strongly-worded letter threatening legal action, but no such action has been taken.

Outstanding paperwork for our liquor license renewal needs to be given to Thom as soon as possible; most of it is already turned in.

The push to bring in more press members to the club has created more work for the membership committee in terms of verifying new members' credentials.

Committee chairs: Art, Kouri; Social, Jon; Buildings & Grounds, Thom; Web & Media, Thom; Membership, Kouri.

Vice president's report (Thom Wright)

Agenda items for old business (constitution changes) and new business (rental agreement).

Treasurer's report (Jim Riordan)

P&L report.

Secretary's report (Dawn Catanach, by e-mail)

The minutes of January's meeting were approved.

Manager's report (Jonathan Wright)

The matter of the neighbor's dog from last month has been resolved.

Jon is working on getting new chairs, possibly from Vernon's Steakhouse.

Steve and Jon went to the recent Huning Highland neighborhood association meeting. Steve got on the agenda, and spoke to the association about the club, introducing us and extending an invitation to join us at the club. Other items of discussion at the neighborhood meeting included the upcoming city council redistricting, which will mean that the city councilor handling the park renovation will no longer be our councilman. Also, there are plans for a music in the park event for the neighborhood in June, which the club intends to be part of.

We are looking into getting a new POS system behind the bar in order to reduce our credit card fees and streamline operations. A local company has developed a system we may be interested in, and they may be willing to make a deal on setup costs or fees in exchange for club membership.

We passed the health inspection.

Web and Media Committee report (Thom)

We need digital copies of the minutes from the board meetings of January 2011, February 2011, and January 2012, as well as those for the 2011 annual meeting.

Membership Committee report

Edward Rhodes is moving out of state, and thus will not be renewing his membership after 26 years.

The media credentials of Anthony J. Koel and Liz Davenport have not yet been verified. Cathy Dapo's membership application is now social with spouse, adding John LeDoux.

New members approved pending any necessary verification.

Art Committee report (Kouri Antinone)

One piece has sold, and Jon donated \$10 from the sale to the club.

Audit Committee report

Situation normal.

Buildings and Grounds report (Jon)

There are some plumbing issues in Kevin and Fran's apartment.

Thanks to John Gilpin we have a wine cooler in the bar, and so we have room to carry more beer. To the staff's relief, its beeping has been silenced.

Unfinished Business

Discussion of the rental contract is deferred to e-mail and voting on it to next meeting.

Club constitution: A motion to dissolve into a committee of the whole was made, seconded, and passed. The changes to the constitution regarding membership definitions were discussed. Motion to resolve special committee made, seconded, and passed.

Back in the regular meeting, Thom moved that the general meeting will be on March 9, 2012, at 7 pm to present the agreed-upon changes to the constitution to the general membership. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business

The recent security issues in the parking lot will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

Submitted 9/24/12,

Dawn Catanach