

Minutes of the 1/9/12 Meeting of the Albuquerque Press Club Board of Directors

Members present:

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

Also present: Manager Jonathan Wright

Without objection, the minutes of the 11/14/11 meeting were approved and the minutes of the 12/11/11 were approved as amended.

Officer and Committee Reports

President's report (Tony Couture)

P&L report. Alcohol sales up 10%, membership income down 20%. Less in rental income because of last year's rental for a film. Last month not great, but still in the black. Apartment expenses affected by repairs and new tenants. Credit card fees back to normal from last year.

A working definition for changing our membership definitions to be in line with the National Press Club was sent out to the board via e-mail.

Vice president's report (Thom Wright)

Silence from Thom.

Secretary's report (Dawn Catanach)

Missing a copy of last May's minutes.

Treasurer's report (Jim Riordan)

P&L - equipment rental question credit last year from previous overpayments.

Manager's report (Jonathan Wright)

Answered equipment rental question.

Exhaust fan may be malfunctioning; it will have to be fixed and might be fitted with a timer switch.

Web and Media Committee report (Chris Potter)

Chris will be maintaining event updates and will later be taking over website updates.

Thom updated the website with pricing updates, and posted the minutes that have been submitted electronically.

Jon will be updating the calendar with upcoming holidays.

Albuquerquepressclub.com and .org will be up for renewal in July. It is unknown whether the current owner of the domains have them on automatic renewal. A sniping program may be set up to get the domains if they are not renewed by the current owner.

Membership Committee report (Kouri Antinone)

We've had several renewals and new members from the press push. KRQE and Albuquerque the Magazine members are looking to bring in more members from those organizations.

Scott Murray is a rep.

New members approved.

Monthly memberships cost ~\$45 in credit card fees. Thom proposes offering our six monthly members a \$100 renewal to switch to annual memberships. A motion was made to do away with monthly memberships and send out the letter drawn up by Thom. Motion seconded. Changes to the letter were suggested. Motion passed. Letter will be sent out with the proposed changes.

Membership rolls should be maintained behind the bar.

Social Committee report (Chris Potter)

Tony and Chris will attend neighborhood association and city council meetings beginning in February. Redistricting would put us in district 2 rather than 3.

Kouri would like to know if we are going to do the Valentine's Day dinner this year. The proposed date for the dinner is February 10. Alternate proposal is a brunch on Sunday, February 12. Plans will be discussed by Kouri and Jon and presented via e-mail.

Art Committee report (Kouri Antinone)

Jon's art is up.

Tamara Couture would like to volunteer to help with the committee.

Audit Committee report (Thom Wright)

Bob Springer keeps doing his job.

Buildings and Grounds report

Neighbor's dog running around outside of one of the apartments,

Steve Riley is building a new gate for Seth & Sarah's apartment.

New Business

Copies of proposed changes to the constitution regarding membership categories was handed out. Discussion will be held next month. Other proposed changes to the constitution should be brought forward now.

Liquor license renewal materials were handed out.

A proposed addition to the club rental agreement regarding outside beverages brought into the club was handed out. There was a suggestion to include language clarifying that alcoholic drinks purchased in the club cannot be taken off club property. Tony volunteered to edit the addendum for legal language. It was proposed to eliminate one of the options (a deposit for security) given in the addendum.

It was alternately proposed that a security deposit become part of the rental agreement and booking fee, leaving the addendum with the agreement to take responsibility for guests. A proposal was made to have signs put up outside the club regarding the point where beverages cannot be taken beyond. The addendum will be distributed via e-mail after revision. Changes should be submitted to Jon.

Welcome to our new member.

There was a threat of a lawsuit from someone who had attempted to book a party and ultimately canceled the booking.

Committee memberships will be postponed until the next meeting.

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

Submitted 2/13/12,

Dawn Catanach