

Minutes of the 10/15/12 Meeting of the Albuquerque Press Club Board of Directors

Members present:

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

Also present: Manager Jonathan Wright

Without objection, the minutes of the 9/10/12 meeting were approved. Without objection, the minutes of the 8/13/12 meeting were also approved.

Officer and Committee Reports

President's report (Tony Couture)

The employees seem very happy, and things seem to be running smoothly.

Vice president's report (Thom Wright)

Plans for the roof should be back with the architect's seal soon, and then we can get to work on it.

The ceiling in poker room was done in '40s, and may need to be modified as part of the porch project. Since the poker room sees frequent use, we would have to find a new space for the poker table. If the roof is left the way it is, walkway to porch project would have to be scrapped.

Treasurer's report (Jim Riordan, by proxy)

P&L report.

Secretary's report (Dawn Catanach)

February minutes were distributed and approved.

Manager's report (Jonathan Wright)

A letter of thanks for the Eric Johnson memorial in July, from Steve and Bettina McCracken, was read. There was also a letter from UNM and our scholarship recipients. There was also a letter from the City of Alb. Small Business Regulatory Advisory Commission concerning updated fire code. These would require automatic sprinklers for places with 100+ occupancy, or gross receipts from liquor sales more than food sales. The regulation may not apply to us, as we are not a bar, but we are a private club and historical building.

New bar stools are in, and the railing has been redone.

Web and Media Committee report (Thom)

New stuff goes up when it comes in.

Pictures of club events are always welcome.

Membership Committee report (Tony)

Earl Miller (social, sponsored by Thom), Rhian Hibner (employee), Randy Kimball, Andrew Shuler. All four approved without objection.

Discussion had last month about renewal gaps. Motion made that operations manual ch. 4

p. 2 be corrected to state that late renewal fees are now \$20 and may be incurred if renewal is received later than 30 days of the membership lapsing (as specified in the Constitution). A stipulation should also be added which states that after 90 days of non-renewal, the lapsed member will have to reapply as a new member with sponsor, applicable fees, and Board review. Motion seconded. Amendment proposed to add in definitions and terms Ch. 7, p. 2: “member is defined as someone who has paid dues and been approved by the board and has renewed their membership within 90 days of the current membership’s expiration. Amendment seconded. Motion passed.

Social Committee report (Chris Potter)

Halloween party planning update: haven’t been able to find bands to play on October 27.

Art Committee report (Kouri)

Mukul’s show was fantastic, but nothing sold.

Audit Committee report (Bob Springer, by proxy)

Bob says the books look good, as usua.

Unfinished Business

Nominating committee: We need a headcount of who is vacating positions. Potter is going on ballot. Tony Couture is running for president, Kouri Antinone for VP, Thom Wright for secretary, and Jim Riordan for treasurer. Candidates for director are Dawn Catanach, Erin Debenport, Chris Potter, Ken Hargis (who would take over the web committee), and Barry Hatcher. Nominations are to be posted by the 20th.

New Business

Jon proposes re-evaluating our policy of disallowing smoking in the front room, as it is the least-used room in the building and this policy may be a factor. Thom suggested that we ask for feedback about this from the membership in the letter about the annual meeting. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned without objection.

Submitted 11/12/12,

Dawn Catanach