

Call to Order: 7:07

Members Present:

President Kevin Fuller, Secretary Courtney Foster, [Treasurer Maynard Cowan present on phone for part of meeting] Directors Steve Satchwell, Steve Fye, Ken Hargis, Chris Lock, Kristin Elliott, Past President Kouri Antinone

Also Present: Hali Loving, General Manager

Approval of May Meeting Minutes:

Kristin's last name should be amended to have two "t"s instead of one. Steve Fye was late to the meeting last month and that should be noted. Kouri was also present for the May meeting and should be included.

With these changes, Steve Fye moves to accept meetings as amended. Seconded by Ken, motion passes.

Phone Conversation with Matt Kucher [VP Candidate]:

Before calling, Kevin calls attention to the bio provided. Matt has great references, and shows love for the club. His business background is top notch. Steve Mo thinks it may be a good idea to move someone in the board into that position and stick Matt into that board position. Kevin agrees with that merit but thinks that we really need someone in here that will work and get things moving. Satchwell thinks both of these ideas are valid.

Steve Fye moves that we offer him a position in the vacant spot on the board, Chris seconds this. Kevin asks if anyone is interested in the VP slot that's currently on the board. Chris is interested.

Maynard joins via telecommunications—The VP position doesn't do a whole lot except be there in case the president resigns. Hali finds a list of board member duties. Normally that's what this is, however we're really wanting someone to step up as number two. Maynard doesn't think "promoting" someone really matters, someone that's proactive from outside should be just fine. We don't need a current board member to do that. Maynard thinks Matt's business experience is helpful to what we're doing. We need momentum and Matt could do that. Ken says Steve Fye agrees that its appropriate to offer it to members, but that nothing is wrong with asking Matt about the position

Matt on the phone now:

Introduction of members to Matt and questions:

Steve Fye question: You're a business man wth successful projects around you but do you have time for us?—Matt sees it as an opportunity to embrace something that he cares about. He's had a long understanding and love for the press club, he wants to make people more aware of this place. He sees that we need care and love and, currently, he's in a position to help us.

Satchwell question: Have you been on any other boards?—Yes, women's shelter, Lavender Foundation. He's done the dirty work, grunt work, event planning, has a background in helping out.

Kristin questions—CABQ can be difficult to work with sometimes, do you bring anything to the table to help with that?—All connections are indirect. No real political connections. He understands our hesitation about bringing an outsider in, but thinks he can really step up and do quite a bit of things for us.

Chris asks if VP would take over Grounds and Maintenance. No, but they would work together closely. Matt has seen Chris take on a lot of duties and projects and Matt just wants to help him succeed.

Calling Maynard back to fill him in on the conversation with Matt:

Kristin is happy.

Steve Fye is happy, loved what he said.

Chris is happy with him.

Courtney would like to meet him in person but thinks he'd be fine.

Steve Satchwell has no opposition either way.

Chris excuses himself 7:50PM

Steve Fye motions to take Matt on as VP, Kristin seconds. With no opposition, motion passes. Matt is our new VP.

President's Report: Nothing to report, all business taken care of above.

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report until next month with our new VP.

Treasurer's Report:

Total sales over May—about \$13K in bar sales, upcharges are up, but we've had a lot more members in lately. Club rentals are up but we need to put more events on here. Who else pays deposits?

Expenses—GRT is normal. Beer and wine are up. Cigarettes expense is the same but sales are higher? All bar supplies looks fairly normal.

Chris returns 7:58PM

Our water is big, double bill? Hali is pretty sure that next month there wont be a water bill.

Chris adds that the water bill may be sue to the spigot on south side still leaking, swamp coolers being turned on and leaking a bit.

Cash short increased? Are people miscounting? Why are we short on cash? Hali isn't sure. Two dollars here, two dollars there? It doesn't make sense.

Equipment rentals are high for ice machine.

There were three payroll checks in May. Which is why its bigger than normal.

Maynard out at 8:10PM

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Small recess at 8:10PM

Resume at 8:25PM

Manager's Report:

Khlail is leaving at the end of the month. Hali has interviews tomorrow. Khalil thinks there's a good chance to get an event bartender in here.

Membership Committee:

Laura did not give us print outs so Kevin reads out names of prospects and asks if anyone has issue. Isreal Buruby wants to be an honorary member—Who is this? Hali will text Khalil to ask him about this. Mo moves that except for the pending honorary, we accept all new members. Seconded by most, and with no opposition, motion passes.

Web & Media:

Nothing to report.

Social Media:

Social media guidelines—we can't promote that we're showing any particular Netflix movies because it violates contracts of public/private use of movies/tv show airings.

Chris says that Veronica wants to do movie night outside, that would become public use—its easy to do this? Satchwell says its a licensing issue?

Kristin says we just can't say its on Netflix.

Art:

There's a new art show that launched last weekend, still up now. Tiffany has an art show in July. Social media has been getting info about it.

Buildings and Grounds:

Chris cleaned up the street and pulled weeds today. The spigot on south side needs to be replaced it's a sauter on spigot not twist on. Chris will work on that but we need to turn off all water. The city will not turn the water off over the weekend, needs to be done over week. The apt. spigot is leaking worse than the clubs, but its twist off and we can do that easily.

Grants—instead of asking for volunteers, Chris wants to write a grant to Nusenda to get a professional landscaping crew to come and help us make this beautiful.

Satchwell wants to know if the historic city people have objections to it. Chris is going to get people out here to give us an apparasial. He doesn't think land will be an issue, but the building might. But it will still be good to get an over all appraisal. Kouri says we do need to check, but that the section of hill isn't necessarily “historic”.

Kevin wants to work with Chris/Nusenda to fix the grounds.

Hali reminds us that we have the whole building to look at, and wants Chris and Hali to look through the building to see what needs to be repaired.

Chris moves to go forward with securing the structural integrity of the porch. Kouri wants to make sure we're making it level. Maynard agrees. Chris says he can guarantee good work. Chris intercepted the manager of Parks & Rec, spoke with him for a bit. He talked about the sprinkler system being weird and our right side path/hill/north side they're retilling that land? Regrass that land? We think that the city is responsible and not us? This is correct. They're also working on the hill place. They're going to be pushing security people to move out vagrants from the area.

Unfinished Business:

Social Media Guidelines—We reviewed them last time. Any changes or questions? Kristin wants to know if these would include all members/board of directors or just the employees. Kouri doesn't think it really applies to regular members, as they are not directly involved with the liquor license.

Chris recuses himself at 9:02PM

Satchwell thinks we should post these new guidelines on our website/social media to remind our employees/general membership that they are all representatives of the Albuquerque Press Club. For employees, Kristin wanted to add on that, again, no more posting about what TV shows/movie being shown, especially Netflix specific without looking into licensing. With no opposition, all discussed stands.

Rebranding:

To revisit, the proposal would be us being charged \$3K—\$500 cash and the remaining in trade, meaning memberships and corporate tab. They would also like to do either weekly or biweekly meetings/staff meetings here. Hali thinks that they should sign a contract stating that they'll be meeting here/will actually spend money with us. Kristin brings up potential issues about corporate memberships. Kouri asks for a breakdown on what corporate memberships actually entail. We might have issues marking this in our register because we require that, for corporate memberships, 4 people sign up under a full price membership and then the rest of the company gets the discounted price. Maynard brings up his concerns about how, before this offer we had someone willing to work for free, and we passed that up. Kevin reminds us that we wanted to go in a different artistic direction. Maynard just wants us to be careful and to really wonder about the value that we're getting and wants to see something brand specific. Steve Fye thinks that we can bring them in to a meeting so that we're all on board with it. Thanks Steve Fye for all of your effort.

Smoking Policy:

Did we get a member survey up? No. But Maynard is on board to jump on to this committee. Hali thinks we should put something on the cork board. Maynard thinks it's a bad idea because people are not generally nice. We should do a member only survey on surveymonkey.

Kevin reminds us that we need to really take committee responsibilities seriously and not just shrug these duties off.

Whittlesey House:

MJ, the lawyer, we reached out to him and hope to hear back soon.

We sent a thank you to the rugby team that helped us clean up.

Nusenda:

Maynard is still looking into this. But once this change happens it,mm will trigger quite a lot of motion.

New Business:

Liquor License—Finger prints need to be done to be on file. We also need personal affidavits. The license is due by the end of August.

Hali wants to know how much it costs to give someone a Press Club Brick. Astrid Stern lives in Seattle but she wants a brink made for her parents. Kevin might be able to do something about this, maybe \$100 for a brick?

Hali asks for the floor.

She apologizes for any discrepancies in inventory, she didn't know about them and wishes that she knew about them earlier. She wishes that she had been audited earlier on. We should spend closer attention to her in order to help her know.

Break for Executive Session.

Adjourn after Executive Session at 9:51PM