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The Albuquerque Press Club

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BOARD MINUTES, 8 JANUARY 2016

Members Present:

President Courtney Foster, Vice President Laura Dunagan, Secretary Rhian Hibner, Treasurer Maynard Cowan, Directors Will Fitzpatrick, Kristin Elliott, Ken Hargis, Sam Allen, and Auri Vigil

Members Absent:

Director Juliana Vadnais

Also Present:

General Manager Hali Loving

Minutes Approved:

Motion by Ken Hargis to accept the December minutes as written. Seconded by Auri Vigil. Without opposition, the motion carries.

President's Report:

Very excited to serve as President of the board.

Vice President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

December was not a great month. It is not all bad news. Fewer events were held in December. However, gross profits are down \$4000 over last year. Costs up since last year. Electric is higher, though gas is lower. Credit card fees are higher than last year. Professional fees are down, as our accountant is more comfortable with our books than last year. Payroll is up, due to paying employee bonuses. Slow month for the club, with fewer events than last year, and the few events we had were covered by corporate memberships.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report:

More payments going to NM Mutual due to increased insurance costs. Requesting a money transfer to renew city business and bar license.

Kristen is moving out of the downstairs apartment. Rent will be raised to \$900, and the lease increased to one year. \$200 deposit for first pet, \$100 for additional pets.

Jerry Butterfield wants to help the club acquire new chairs. Steel frame chairs, definitely not a grand for chairs. Throwing out old couches downstairs. Fixing Beer trap. Fixing some electrical issues.

Membership:

Membership is down from last year. We currently have 235 members. Auto-renewal of memberships was discussed but would require change of credit card processors.

Five new members this month, all approved by motion of Ken Hargis, seconded by Rhian Hibner

Web & Media:

Nothing to report.

Social Media Committee:

Kristen is moving to New York. She would like Auri to take over Social Media. She also wants to remind us that we should take advantage of the people who are willing to help. The club has been a sanctuary, and it will be hard to say goodbye. Will be sorely missed.

Art Committee:

Will ask Kathy to server as Art Director, with JP Eaglin as a second choice.

Buildings & Grounds:

The club needs to get bids for the foundation work on east side of building. We should apply for grants to pay for it.

Committee Appointments:

Social Media: Auri Vigil

Employee Liaison: Laura Dunagan

Buildings & Grounds: Rhian Hibner

Old Business:

It was discussed whether we should dedicate resources to a survey asking the membership about smoking.

Maynard Cowan made a motion to create a survey about smoking policy, second by Auri; Vote is 3:3 tie, with 1 abstaining. Courtney votes no. Motion fails.

Motion to table discussion about a survey until later this year by Maynard Cowan, seconded by Rhian Hibner.

A general survey will be created and discussed at the next meeting

Paul Burt wants to help with bringing back the NM Press Awards

New Business:

Courtney requests that fingerprints and affidavits be in by the next meeting.

Directors are no longer required to have an active server's license, but it is recommended. Officers *are* required to have an active server's license.

Goals for 2018 include having the Liquor License filed by March 1st, increasing the number of press events, and creating an updated bar ops manual.

The club is still looking for a new bartender.

Sam Allen was appointed to the WHPF by Courtney Foster.

Maynard wants us to get information from the company that did the rebranding work that the club payed for. Laura, Auri and Courtney are going to look into it.

Motion to adjourn by Rhian, seconded by Ken, meeting adjourns at 8:19 PM.