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The Albuquerque Press Club

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Date August 9, 2021 @7:00pm

Regular meeting- Called to order at 7:11pm

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Dunagan President, Justin Cumley Vice President, Lynn Embick Secretary, Maynard Cowan Treasurer, David Hayden, Adam Gates, Sarah Blanton, Rip Williams

Absent Board Members: William Fitzpatrick (unexcused)

Also in Attendance: Shaun Gay, Chris Baca (WHPF), and Chris Hammel, multiple members joined for the last agenda item

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- July 2021 Regular Meeting minutes not available for approval at this time.

Officers' Reports

- President— Laura Dunagan
 - Liquor license submitted late, but no effect on processing.
- Vice President— Justin Cumley: Nothing new to report
- Treasurer— Maynard Cowan
 - Income up
 - Expense to cover damage done to apartment rentals by arsonist. Claim submitted to insurance for meters and outside damage. \$100 to renters to compensate for lack of access to gas for homes +\$75 to reimburse for meter cost charged by PNM.
- Secretary— Lynn Embick: Will post July minutes ASAP.

Manager's Report - Shaun Gay

- Luau was a success. Apx. \$4,500. Included three bands and fire performer. Some of the games had to be cancelled due to rain.
- Proposed Halloween party. No date set.
- Inquired as to interest in Haunted House.
- Repairs needed: Blinds in Green Room need to be replaced. Would like a wood look. Also, consider breaking up the sun that comes into the Dart Room and the Pool Room. Discussion ensued, including considering a tint rather than blinds in the Pool Room and adding a window cooling unit in the couchatorium.
- SG to check into window unit in storage and email quotes for three window sets of blinds (perhaps check with member Jacob Park) to Board.
- SG brought to light concerns of repeated misconduct by a member.
 - Motion made by Adam to conduct a disciplinary hearing. Maynard seconded.
 - Discussion ensued.

- Motion made by Rip to table the discussion regarding a disciplinary hearing until the Board has an official complaint to consider. Lynn seconded. Motion carried.
- Further discussion ensued, including that there was sufficient cause brought before the Board at this meeting and protocol determined it was within the rights of the Board to form a committee to conduct a disciplinary hearing.
- Motion made by David to untable the original motion and reopen the discussion. Adam seconded. The majority was in favor. Motion back on the table for consideration: to form committee for disciplinary hearing.
- Vote on original motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Laura will issue letter to member to inform them of the action. No entry to Club until the disciplinary committee meets August 23, 7pm.

Break 8:21-8:35pm

Manager's Report Continued

- POS system still in process

Committee Reports

- Buildings and Grounds - No current chair
 - Defining Committee to meet Wednesday, to include Laura and Adam. Will report back to Board via email.
- Web & Media - Justin
 - Apple Maps updated
 - Yelp is still reporting incorrect times
 - Working on website updates
- Membership - Laura
 - 61 new members, 11 renewals
 - Motion made by Maynard to accept new members. Justin seconded. All approved. Motion carried.
 - Motion made by Maynard to accept renewals. Justin seconded. All approved. Motion carried.
 - Now 366 members
- Newsletter - Laura, Lynn, Adam
 - On hold
- Property Management - Adam
 - Adam stepped out for a moment, but Maynard reported that the gas to tenants was back on and he was waiting for insurance to complete their process.
- Art - David
 - New artist, Chikiyo Jackson, set to come in on Wednesday to hang work.
- Events - Lynn
 - Nothing new to report

Unfinished Business

- Porch signage in lieu of gate. David and Laura to meet Wednesday to discuss. Normally a Building and Grounds issue, anyone is welcome to join.
- Building and Grounds Committee description: Justin to start the work of revision by email.
- List of repairs needed for WHPF (expanded) Chris Baca (WHPF president) to work with Laura
- Support for Journalism this year
 - SG suggested meeting with members of UNM's Board of Journalistic Integrity. Suggested organizing a charity event.

Break 9:12-9:18pm

New Business

- Dress Code
 - Discussion ensued around an incident in which a member complained about another member's clothing, confronting the member as well. Reminder that we already have in place a code of conduct. Clarification was attempted around the idea of volunteering for events vs Club security.
 - Motion made by Rip that there be no dress code for non-employees. After discussion, Rip withdrew the motion.
 - Further discussion around the issue. Motion made by David that the Club will not enforce a dress code for non-employees beyond applicable statutes. Adam seconded.
 - Roll call vote: Justin-Y, Maynard-abstain, Lynn-Y, David-Y, Sarah-Y, Adam-Y, Rip exited the meeting before the vote. Motion carried.
 - SG is working to staff so that future issues around security do not arise.
- One Board member left, and another was asked to leave the meeting when their disagreement became disruptive to the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Lynn. David seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:17pm