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Meeting called to order @7:08pm

General Board Meeting

Board members in attendance: counter-clockwise; Will, Drake, Adam, Andrea, Luke, Shaun (management), Tim, Kim, Neil & Rip

Absent Board Members: Stu, Kymberlee

Members in attendance: N/A

[7:09] Motion to approve minutes; all in favor; motion carries.

[7:10] Treasury report (Drake): QuickBooks numbers were/still are off. He and Shaun were finally able to reconnect their accounts that hadn't been connected in maybe [three] years. Numbers are 2-3 grand off, not in the 100+ grand range as indicated. As of February, we have \$291,470.21 in our Wells Fargo account. We went down versus January by \$3,898.73; however, we have already spent around \$12,500 since then on the boiler situation alone, which means that we have profited around \$6,000-\$8,000 (exact number TBD).

[7:13] Will asks when these numbers will be reconciled across the board; Drake asserts that he will have it done by the end of this month, if not sooner. He intends to come in every Thursday to work on it going forward.

[7:14] Manager report (Shaun): Props to Tim for doing a ton of work/research, gathering quotes in order to find a solution to our boiler situation. ABQ plumbing has assumed full responsibility, and will replace the boiler at no additional cost to us by the time it gets cold again.

[7:19] Membership report (Shaun): Still in process of transferring this responsibility over to Kymberlee. 17 online renewals; 16 in-person renewals; 26 new members; 586 active; 445 inactive; 110 lapsed; so we're teetering right around 600 person area and, if everyone that lapsed this month were to renew, we'd be pushing 700.

[7:20] Andrea clarification Q: what is an inactive member? A: these are people who have been members at some point within the last three years. If they've merely

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lapsed, however, they're allowed a grace period of three months by the board, in which case they are automatically approved for renewal.

[7:23] Membership forms pending approval are passed around the table.

[7:24] Rip wonders aloud why we only have applications from February. Shaun confirms that we normally only review applications from the first day to the last day of the calendar month preceding each general board meeting. Will validates Rip's curiosity, says that he does not believe there is any sort of rule that says we are only to review monthly batches. Just because we've always done something one way, doesn't necessarily mean we should continue doing so. Will advises Shaun to get with operations and membership to reconsider this practice, as the club community is growing rapidly.

[7:27] Drake states that it wouldn't change much on his behalf; he would just have to run his treasury report from board meeting to board meeting instead of from month to month.

[7:30] Adam has no updates on the apartment. Will instructs him and Shaun to get together and nail down a hard estimate for what it's going to cost us to upgrade it. He wants a quote by next week.

[7:32] Webmaster (Rip): dialogue between him, Shaun, and Will about webhost expenditures. Rip believes we are spending ten times what we need to by using this one local company.

[7:39] Currently, we are spending \$600/year on Member Planet. The proposed solution is to instead spend \$397/year by offering auto renewals. We would like to offer other services as well, such as a way to donate directly to the club, as well as gift-memberships. We currently do not offer corporate memberships because there's a legal parameter preventing us from doing so, but a new system could change that. Meeting minutes should be member-only content; viewing them is a privilege. There also needs to be a clearer line of communication between active members and admin.

[7:45] Adam: Mobile-friendly? Rip: Yes. Q: How soon? A: May 1st.

[7:46] Shaun raises concern about vetting process, how to expedite. Discussion: more modern, live system will require applicants to provide reliable, up-to-date proof of who they are, including their credentials. Right now, we have to take a lot

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of people on their word. Ideally, they should be able to provide some sort of portfolio, especially for higher tier memberships. Servers do not have to be active bartenders; they just have to have a valid license. Let us not waste any time tracking their state certifications, though—same with first responders.

[7:57] Andrea: we used to allow members to sponsor or vouch for other members; this was done away with about 5 years ago.

[7:59] Review of current membership pricing.

[8:00] Membership request: Will wants hard numbers on who fits into all of the different categories and, ultimately, an idea of how much money we will lose the next time we change things up.

[8:02] Drake asks us to be lenient with service industry pricing as it currently drives our membership. Rip wants us to reserve the right to favor people who have something to do with our overarching mission. Pricing discussion tabled until new member database is up.

[8:04] Recess called.

[8:15] Motion by Drake to approve all memberships on the table; seconded by Neil; motion carries.

[8:16] Will requests comprehensive analysis of capital expenditures by next meeting in order for the board to approve a monthly allowance that management may draw from for needed updates and repairs without approval of the board.

[8:17] Old business: Adam is moving and apologizes for taking no action thus far in the matter of “R”’s disciplinary hearing; he is moving and does not have time to chair the committee. Andrea volunteers to chair the committee with Adam to support her. Will approves. Kymberlee is required to attend the hearing as Secretary.

[8:20] No new business. Rip motions to adjourn; motion carries. Meeting adjourned.