

# Denver Press Club and Press Benevolent Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

(By Linda Shapley, Vice President)

May 21, 2019, at 6:07 p.m.

1. Quorum, Call to Order, Approval of April Minutes

*In attendance: Noelle Phillips, Roger Ogden, Holly Gauntt, Larry Ryckman, Kevin Vaughan, Skyler McKinley, Dan Petty, Linda Shapley, Bob Burdick, Tom Foutch*

2. Action item: Minutes | **6:09 p.m.**

*Ogden move to approve; Shapley second. Approved on voice vote.*

3. Action item: 7 new members | **6:11 p.m.**

- a. Jessica Roe (Student), Deanna Hirsch (Media), Jenny Brundin (Sponsorship), Nathaniel Minor (Sponsorship), Andrew Villegas (Sponsorship), Natalia Navarro (Sponsorship) *Discussion on what qualifies as a media member rate. Vaughan move to approve; Burdick seconds. Approved on voice vote.*
- b. Corporate memberships: *Grasslands is looking to set up corporate membership. Discussion of figuring out what's involved in corporate/media rate and whether they would get tax benefit. Linda Shapley will look to have membership meeting early in June. Another question: Early access to event tickets*
- c. Status of other sponsorship members from Runyon - *Shapley gave update; they're on a separate form.*

4. Treasurer's Report | **Kevin Vaughan | 6:20 p.m.**

*\$2,500 was paid down on the mortgage based on donations from the Runyon event. Cash on hand is about \$85K. Discussion regarding swing with Runyon falling in previous FY, but expenses falling in current FY. Tom and Kevin both feeling positive about Club finances and moving in the right direction.*

5. Public comment | **6:45 p.m.**

*Question regarding TIPS training (bartender training for not over-serving customers); DPC has requirement via insurance. There is a Lyft agreement to call on behalf of inebriated customers.*

6. [Hall of Fame Dinner](#) | **Linda Shapley | 6:50 p.m.**

- a. Nomination status - *About 20 nominated; putting together an ad-hoc committee of Linda, Roger, Holly and Kevin to deliberate nominees and come up with folks by mid-June.*
7. President's report | *Dan Petty* | **7:05 p.m.**
- a. Manager's Compensation - *Board officially raised manager's compensation, acknowledging past efforts and look forward to working together on the continuing success of the Club.*
  - b. Eugene Tepper Celebration - *What needs to happen to make it happen? Kevin will reach out if he is going to be up here - Look to schedules of other honorees*
  - c. Walter Baas - *Longtime cameraman who was looking to give \$\$ -- Roger will reach out to him for scholarship possibility*
  - d. Damon Runyon selection committee - *Committee has not yet met; Petty will attempt to have meeting by early June and list by June meeting.*

8. Manager's Report | *Tom Foutch* | **7:25 p.m.**

*17 programs last month; biggest \$\$ was the alternative school prom. Principal-only payment of \$2,585 was made; reflects Runyon-event donations and newsletter donations. Homeless camps are continuing to burgeon out back. Sometimes homeless are going into the women's room downstairs. Discussion on security issues and reviewing the issue of passcards or extra keys for co-working customers. Petty will review.*

9. Committee reports | **7:43 p.m.**

- a. Programming | *Skyler McKinley - Still plugging along - Mayoral debate on 5/28 - discussion about installing smart TVs on first floor (or replacing second floor screen). CPR interview on 5/29. IP event for freelancers / Book sale event: Open both days to public; 4-8 on Friday; 10-2 on Saturday / Dem Debate Watch party / Colorado Media Project on June 19 / Caricature nights / Commemoration for 50th anniversary of Moon Landing / DPC birthday party / More to add? Send to [events@denverpressclub.org](mailto:events@denverpressclub.org).*
- b. Marketing and Social Media | *Skyler McKinley - FB changing event organizing and pitching us in to beta. Grasslands continues to do great work for us.*
- c. Membership | *Dan Petty, Kevin Vaughan*
  - i. Membership cards
  - ii. Member rates for CPR when they move downtown

10. New Business - None

11. Adjourn | **8:20 p.m.**