KUTE/KSUT Board of Directors meeting, August 11, 2021
Called to order at 5:33 PM
Present: Robert, Buz, Rick, Mike, Bruce, Trennie
Absent: Cree and Gary excused; Eddie
Guest: Chris Aaland, KSUT Development Director
Meeting agenda approved unanimously, motion by Buz, second by Rick
July meeting minutes approved unanimously, motion by Buz, second by Mike
Motion to change September meeting date from the 8th to the 15th, by Buz, second by Rick, passed unanimously.
Guest presentation (Chris Aaland): new station functioning very well, finances and membership numbers are solid. Parties in the Park are looking positive, with Afrobeatniks and the Motet set to play both in Durango and Pagosa Springs. Four Corners Folk Festival will be held on Sept 3-4-5 in Pagosa Springs, with all bands confirmed. Advance sales are very solid, and ticket sell-out is anticipated.

Tami and Chris presented COVID-19 precautions, in accordance with Public Health recommendations: admission only if 1) proof of vaccination available, or 2) proof of negative testing within 48 hours of seeking admission, or 3) rapid COVID-19 testing negative at entry gate. Refund will be provided to those who refuse to comply with these restrictions, and they will be denied admission; no exceptions.

Masks, hand sanitizer, frequent cleaning of latrines, and ample spacing of seats in the tent will be encouraged. COVID-19 precautions will apply to vendors, Merch tent workers, beer tent workers, and volunteers. San Juan Basin Public Health and Southern Ute Tribe will provide limited testing facilities.

Fall Pledge Drive will be August 20 to 24, with $40,000 goal. Donations will be accepted for Phase 2 of Capital Campaign, as well as to Tribal Media.

Executive Director report: Trennie will work on land acknowledgement of indigenous peoples in KSUT affairs. Notification of in-studio performances will be available on KSUT website. An ad hoc Tribal Radio committee consisting of Cree, Trennie and Buz was formed to assure cooperation between KSUT and Tribal Radio. Mike Santistevan, Tribal Radio Program Director, abruptly resigned from his position on August 5th. Advertising will begin promptly to fill his position. Finances are solid, with Pledge Revenue and Daily Register exceeding previous numbers. The FY21 goal for underwriting billings has already been exceeded; thank you Jessica and Chris.

Tribal Radio Report: there have been some problems with signal dropouts, thought to be due to INTERNET connection failure. COVID-19 updates occur every Friday at 9 am. Native Braids interviews are ongoing, with Fall scheduling meeting in August. Native Lens: weekly zoom meetings between KSUT and RMPBS are happening. Tribal Radio Web Page is being run by Lorena Richards with oversight from Mark Duggan.

Four Corners Monthly report: Launch of "KSUT Four Corners Edition" weekly news magazine, Friday mornings at 7:30 AM, is scheduled for later this month.

Adjourn at 7:04 pm