

Black Sheep Radio

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My Dear Hosts,

This is an exciting time for our community radio station. In less than ten months, we have trained and certified about 55 hosts, and we have lots of new shows coming up! People are starting to become aware that we are here, so keep spreading the word. Tell your friends, let everyone know that we have a voice.

I'd like to go over a few positions that need to be filled, let everyone know of the lock combination change, and a few other odds and ends that all of us need to be aware of to keep the studio functioning.

Our Radio Community and Volunteering

This is Community Radio at its best! We have a diverse group of voices, and as we grow it will get even better. I want to encourage every one of you to come to the Third Friday Art Walk here in Bellows Falls. Our studio is part of the event, we broadcast live, and we hold our monthly Woolgathering here, where we invite our hosts to grab the mic, talk up their show, play a few tunes, and hand it off to someone else.

We are working on a list of routine chores that need to be done to keep our space clean, and it will be a burden on no one since the list is short and our number of hosts is long. We have a shoestring budget; we have no janitor, we have no paid staff, we are a group of volunteers, and even if we all are good about packing out our own trash, there are still things that need to be done routinely just to keep our space neat for the next person.

An important reminder: We are all supposed to give at least five hours of volunteer time to the station every year, in addition to the routine taking care, the above and beyond stuff. This can include staffing the gazebo, serving on a committee, helping to paint the bathroom or re-glaze the windows, organizing an Art Walk, etc.

Positions That Need to be Filled

We are looking for someone to serve as ***Program Coordinator***. This position involves scheduling of our hosts once they are certified, and working with the Programming Committee in regard to show content, and any problems that may arise. This person would be expected to attend the monthly Programming Committee meetings. The duties are attached.

We also need a ***Membership Coordinator***. This position involves maintaining the list of members, sending out membership cards and paraphernalia, keeping the addresses and email addresses up to date, etc.

Other strategic positions needed at the station right now include those interested in helping with **fundraising**. Our newest board member Leslie Salmon is coordinating this, so please contact her at leslie@wool.fm

Who wants to take on the responsibility of organizing the **staffing of the gazebo** for farmers' markets and other strategic events? An important function. Who are you? I know you are out there...

We also need members on the Programming Committee. This committee has been quite active in drafting and implementing many of the policies that pertain to our on-air presence. We look at scheduling, and serve as the board where the problems that swirl from a great big tornado happen to wiggle around the sky and land. We are not quite the Land of Oz, although it feels like it sometimes.

Lock Combination Change

We are changing the combination on our entry locks because we have had some security breaches. I know that most of you have abided by all the rules, and I appreciate the care you have given to keep our premises secure and clean. But we have had the studio monitor left on VERY loud in the middle of the night, we've found beer cans on the console, we've found the door left unlocked many, many times and we have expensive equipment sequestered in our space. We are preparing a little note for the door to jog everyone's memory. Please do not take this as an insult if you have been abiding by the rules, but recognize it as a learning curve for those who are new to the process.

Absolutely Essential: Please remember, everyone, that you as host are responsible for the security of the combination and to never give out the combination to anyone, adult or youth. If you are a youth supervisor, you must never give out the combination to anyone, youth or adult. We are in donated space, and we must behave nicely so that other tenants remain glad that we are here.

The combination will be changed on April 1. Please call me as soon as you can, 463-9333, and don't wait until the last minute since I might not be home!

Bulletin Boards

We have a general station bulletin board and a Hosts Bulletin Board. Please check them whenever you come in for notices.

The Hosts Bulletin board is for the station's notices to hosts, the schedule, sign-up sheets, etc., it is not for the hosts to use for their personal stuff. You can put up whatever you want in the area to the right of the bulletin boards, but you might have to fight off the kids for space! Please check for notices.

Hosts' Blurbs

Please send to news@wool.fm a little blurb of your show and we will get it in the announcement book.

New Members

And finally, we are asking all of our hosts to sign up ONE new member this month, just ONE. If all of you do so, our little budget will be amplified and this will make a difference! Membership is the key to the success of community radio, and we rely on everyone to pass the word.

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