



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

11 February 2009

- Meeting held at 33 Bridge Street Bellows Falls
 - In attendance: Tony Elliott, Dot Read, Maya Costley, Don Malcom, Gary Smith, Bob Ross, Justin Sterner, Heather Lane, Bill Holtz, Dickie Colo.
 - Notetaker: Gary Smith
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1. Call To Order: 7:12pm

2. Meeting Minutes 11.12.08. Dot motioned, Bill seconded, that we voted unanimously to accept without amendment the minutes of November 12, 2008. It was noted that there was no minutes from the planned meeting of 12/10/08 because we didn't have a quorum, though Tony, Bill, Maya and Gary were in attendance. The board meeting of 1/28/09 was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

3. Treasurer's Report In addition to monthly financials, Tony provided some information about membership payments. Thanks to a matching grant from Charlie Hunter December was a better month than it would have been when we were in the black by approximately \$300. January was better and we were up by \$600.00. Gary noted that we'd received 19 regular and 14 sustaining memberships so far though, of course, all other memberships expire on 12/31/09. We need to plan to contact all members about renewal. Bob motioned and Dot seconded that we accept the Treasurer's report and the board agreed unanimously.

4. Old Business:

- Thank Yous: Gary noted that thank you notes were sent to all auction donors.
- Host Contract: A final review of the Host Contract in which all the changes from our last meeting were presented and approved. A copy of the changed contract is attached to these minutes and will be posted online and in the station. No plan was made for getting host signatures to this contract.
- Equipment Purchase Report:
 - We purchased a new dual CD player to replace one that was broken.
 - Bob moved, Gary seconds, that we buy new battery backups for under \$500 to be installed by our March meeting. Unanimously passed. Tony will purchase and install.
 - Sportscasting Gear:** Bob presented the new sportscasting broadcast mixer for use with cellphones. We are planning on autumn broadcast of football games. Don Malcolm discussed that Doug McFee will do color and Bob Ahern will do the play by play. Don will learn how to use the new equipment which accepts standard mics and headphones.
- Training: New trainees are Shamus Martin and Paul Clipper. Curtis Green has applied to train.
- Programming:
 - The two trainees will shortly be scheduled for shows.
 - A few shows were moved (see schedule.)
 - Christian Blake, now trained, has obviously decided not to do his show.
 - Gary is working with Great River Arts on a show called "Voices" in which teenagers record writings they've done. A sample show teaser is available at www.blacksheepradio.org/voices

5. New Business:

- a. Bulk Mailing: The board revisited the idea to do a bulk mailing, perhaps starting in Walpole. This was proposed by Tony Elliott in October. Gary will investigate costs.
- b. Member renewal report: As mentioned in the Treasurers Report, many members have not yet renewed included several directors though some did renew at this meeting. We need to pursue this in the coming months so that we keep our membership revenues strong.
- c. Purchase of Turntables: At the previous request of hosts, Gary explored the possibilities of new turntable purchases to replace our which are notoriously iffy. Gary recommends two Stanton T90 USB models priced at approximately \$300 each. After some discussion, included some commentary by Dickie Colo, it appears that this research was premature and that we can live with the turntables we have for a while longer. Dickie will also research other used turntable options but the issues is not tabled until further notice.
- d. Pet Photo Contest: Heather says this plan is still evolving and the fundraiser is put off until the summer. We will discuss this more in April.
- e. Joan Costley Consultancy: Based on a letter from Ms. Costley (Maya's mother) we have decided that we would need more time to discuss her possible role with GFCBC. The board discussed with Maya the possibility of meeting with Ms. Costley to determine what if any role she might play.
- f. Mardi Gras: Much discussion and planning for Mardi Gras event including food prep, volunteer staffing, budgets, and live broadcasting. Dot and Maya have the party under control.
- g. Silent Auction in Spring: The board discussed another fundraiser, perhaps in May, to resemble the Silent Auction we held in October. This one will coincide with the first Farmer's Market and Third Friday Artwalk - May 15th. Perhaps we can do a live broadcast from the Farmer's Market to promo this event.
- h. Don Malcolm Fundraiser: Don is working on a fundraiser with Illusionist Jason Purdy to be held perhaps at the Bellows Falls Opera House. Mr. Purdy's fee would be \$1000 and he would perform for 90 minutes, perhaps on a Sunday afternoon. Don will prepare more information for our next meeting.
- i. Grant Station: Bob will bring the Grant Station password to the next meeting.
- j. Tee Shirts: The Board authorized the purchase of tee shirts (Bob motioned, Tony seconded.) Heather was instructed to purchase these.
- k. iPhone Application: Gary discussed the pending creation of a new App for iPhone that would broadcast WOOL on people's iPhones. In progress.

6. Next Meeting Scheduled: Wednesday, March 11, 2009

7. Motion to Adjourn: Bob motioned, Maya seconded that we adjourn this meeting. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.



Host Contract

WOOL is a volunteer-run community station working under license from the FCC and according to our bylaws and regulations established and set out in our training manual and on our website and which, from time to time will be amended in accordance with the wishes of the board of directors and members.

I agree to familiarize myself with and adhere to all relevant FCC regulations.

I agree to follow all station policies and procedures as well as rules posted on the web, at the station, and via email from time to time.

I will not accept financial compensation for the production of my broadcasts. The guidelines for underwriting, if any, in the future will be outlined by the Board of Trustees.

I agree that the content of my broadcasts will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or national origin.

I agree that I will remain a member in good standing and pay my host fees in a timely manner.

In the event I cannot do my show, I will inform the Program Coordinator immediately. I recognize that if I have not secured permission for a long interruption in my show from the Programming Coordinator or Committee I may forfeit my place on the schedule.

I agree to continue training from time to time as required.

I agree to volunteer five hours of off-air work at the station each year. In addition to this scheduled volunteer time, I will accept the responsibility of helping to keep the station clean: for example, to take out any personal trash I've brought into the building, to never leave food garbage in the trash cans, to vacuum if the floor is messy to take recycling if it is full, etc.

I will respect the security of the building and not give out the combination of the lock boxes to anyone at any time, no exceptions.

I will not smoke in the building and I will not adjust the thermostat in our space.

I agree to attend 2 hosts meetings during each year and to assist with fundraising events and promotion.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____