



Board Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2007
33 Bridge Street

In attendance: Don Malcom, Dot Read, Tony Elliott, Bob Ross, Gary Smith, Charlene Peavey.

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

- 1. Minutes From Previous Meetings:** Tony moved that we approve all meeting minute from January to April. Gary seconded. Meeting minutes for April were read, two changes were made, new motion made to accept as amended. Approved unanimously.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Discussion of financial issues and the current burn rate. Finances are tight but we just had a moment of spending for the new equipment.
 - b. Tony said the average month's expenses were \$400-\$500, not counting cost of Administrative Assistant, Charlene. Another solicitation for donation to pay for Assistant will need to happen shortly.
 - c. Discussion of staffing the Farmer's Market and all local shows.
 - d. Dot will ask Melinda to include both a request for gazebo volunteers and a request for further donations in the upcoming Host Post
- 3. Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Programming:**
 - i. General discussion of Printed Schedules and report that almost all of 1000 schedules were distributed.
 - ii. Thank you notes will be sent by Dot(?) to the most helpful local vendors who allow us to put our schedules in their establishments.
 - b. **Tech:**
 - i. New console is in, most of the studio is finished with a few exceptions, not discussed.
 - ii. Gary sent some fundamental instructions to Melinda to include in the Host Post
 - c. **Training:**
 - i. Substantial discussion of Training
 - I. Board members expressed dissatisfaction with the know-how of hosts in technical and procedural matters and stressed the importance of finding a more thorough training process.

2. Trainers are hard to recruit.
- ii. Solutions proposed to problems above
 1. In the absence of updated training and testing materials Don is training and testing in his best judgment.
 2. Don agreed to use the old test without the irrelevant questions until a new test is created.
 3. Don agreed to update the old test to include questions pertaining to the new equipment and begin requiring satisfactory completion of that test before certification.
 4. Discussion about contacting Howard Dean Center to offer training as a course. Mixed opinion from Board about feasibility of this plan but Gary will follow up with Jeff Renard at HDC to see if there is any possibility of this working.
 5. Discussion of asking individual host lecturers to come do one-time seminars that, perhaps, hosts will be required to attend. One seminar per month beginning in June. Hosts discussed for this purpose:
 - a. Mark Green
 - b. Tony
 - c. Dexter
 - d. Jeff Starratt
 - e. Lou Erlanger
 - f. Bob Skold

d. Facilities and Security: No one from these committees in attendance.

4. Legal issues with reading copyrighted material on air:

- a. Prompted by a request for a children's show featuring kids reading their favorite books on the air, discussion was had about the legality of this.
- b. Bob agreed to follow up to determine the law about reading this material.
- c. Tony moved and Bob seconded the following:
 - i. "To read more than an excerpt of copyrighted material on the air, hosts must first obtain written permission of the publisher if required."
- d. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Issue referred to Programming Committee to speak with the teacher proposing the show. She will be asked to contact the publishers for permission.

5. Annual Meeting:

- a. Nominating Committee: Board unanimously appointed Gary Smith, Rick Cowan, and Charlene Peavey to be Committee which will:
 - i. Write to membership warning Annual Meeting
 - ii. Solicit candidates for board
 - iii. Nominate candidates for office

- b. Meeting Location: First choice of Board is to have the meeting on the Walpole Town Green with a rain-option of Town Hall. Gary will contact Town Hall to confirm availability, cost, and license for alcohol.
- c. Entertainment: Gary will approach Tony Princiotti about arranging an eclectic mix of music for the afternoon, similar to his show “The Glass Bead Game.”
- d. Meeting Time and Date: Confirmed for Saturday, June 30th, 4pm

6. Other Business

- a. Bob read pertinent and important sections of a letter to WOOL from the FCC confirming our license to operate until March 31, 2009.
- b. Letter attached.

7. Next meeting Wednesday June 13, same place, 7pm

8. Motion to Adjourn Bob motioned, Gary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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In Reply Refer to:
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In re: **WOOL-LP, Bellows Falls, VT**
Facility ID No. 135150

Request for Special Temporary
Authorization

Dear Mr. Ross:

This letter refers to the June 13, 2006, request for Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") filed on behalf of Falls Area Community Television, Inc. ("Falls Area"), licensee of Low Power FM station WOOL-LP, Bellows Falls, Vermont.

An application for renewal of WOOL-LP's license should have been filed by December 1, 2005, four months prior to the station's April 1, 2006 license expiration date.¹ Falls Area successfully tendered a license renewal application for WOOL-LP on March 23, 2006, prior to the expiration date.² Nevertheless, Falls Area tendered the captioned STA request, explaining that it validated and attempted to timely file a license renewal application for WOOL-LP in November of 2005 but, due to a misunderstanding of the Commission's electronic filing system, the application was not properly filed at that time. Upon realizing the mistake, Monmouth contacted the Commission staff, which assisted in properly tendering the license renewal application.

It is our belief that, because the WOOL-LP(FM) license renewal application was filed, albeit not in accordance with Section 73.3539 of the Rules, prior to the expiration of the station's license, the station's continued operation is authorized by Section 307(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,³ and STA is unnecessary.

¹ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 73.1020, 73.3539.

² File No. BRL-20060323AGS

³ 47 U.S.C. § 307(c).

Accordingly, the June 13, 2006, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed by Falls Area Community Television, Inc. IS HEREBY DISMISSED. This action is without prejudice to whatever action, if any, the staff deems appropriate in light of the failure to file a timely license renewal application for WOOL-LP(FM) under Section 73.3539 of the Rules.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Doyle
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau