



Annual Meeting Minutes

29 June 2008

Waypoint Center, Depot Street, Bellows Falls

- 1. Meeting Called to order 1:40pm**
- 2. In attendance:** Approximately 45 members including many hosts and the following board members: Gary Smith, Tony Elliott, Bob Ross, Dot Read, Maya Costley
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** A general review of our finances both of the past year and our coming projected expenses and income presented by Treasurer Tony Elliott. Motion to accept the report of the Treasurer made by Tom Abare, seconded by Maya Costley. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Training Committee Report:** In Don Malcolm's absence no complete training committee report was given but Gary gave an overview of new hosts.
 - a.** Gary offered a general description of the plan for a new training program funded by donations and grants and carried in a more rigorous and complete way than our current program has ever been able to accomplish.
 - i.** The new program will be available to students from area schools as well as adults looking to learn broadcasting and join our on-air team.
 - ii.** There are several candidates for the positions of trainers.
 - iii.** Training will consist of five two-hour sessions.
 - iv.** The goal of this program, already in discussions at the board level, will be to elevate the standards of our broadcasting and create a more confident and competent host at the time they go on-air.
 - v.** All current hosts will most likely be asked to complete the new course, as well.
 - vi.** More information will be available on the topic, as well.
- 5. Programming Committee Report:** A general overview was given of our shows and new hosts, who's left, who's joined. More information in the annual report.
- 6. Amendment to the Bylaws:**
 - a.** Dot motioned and Tony Elliott seconded that the bylaws be amended to distill our current Mission Statement to one that expresses a subtly different relationship between our station and its audience. At the urging of Director Tony Princiotti, the aim of the new Mission Statement is to underscore that we are in service to our listenership and not solely to our on-air hosts.
 - b.** The new mission statement was drafted by the board of directors at its June 11 meeting, was approved by the board for presentation at this meeting, and reads as follows:

The Purpose of Great Falls Community Broadcasting Company is to inspire, entertain, and educate our listeners and to amplify the voices of our community.
 - c.** A vote was taken and the membership in attendance approved this motion unanimously.

7. Election of Directors:

- a.** Tony Elliott, a three-year director not currently up for election, assumed the chair and announced the slate of candidates for director:
 - i.** Maya Costley, Bill Holtz, , Don Malcolm, Tony Princiotti, Dot Read, Bob Ross, Gary Smith
 - ii.** Tony asked for nominations for additional candidates from the floor. No further nominations were made.
 - iii.** Hearing no further nominations, Tony instructed the Secretary, Bob Ross, to cast one vote for the slate of candidates.

8. Topic Oriented Discussions:

- a. Host Fee:** The board at its last meeting instituted a new annual Host Fee of \$25. Hosts wishing to continue hosting shows on WOOL need to pay to the organization an amount of \$25. The existing hosts were in attendance were asked their opinion of this fee and they approved the fee unanimously. The date of August 1st was set as the deadline for current hosts to submit their payment to Heather Lane at the station.
- b. Underwriting:** Alan D'Amico asks if hosts can earn and keep underwriting for mentions on their show. Tony Elliott gives an overview of this discussion as it has happened at the board level and relates that we will address this at the next board meeting.
- c. FCC License Progress:** Gary gives an overview of progress towards our new NCE license, discusses the notion of MX Groups and the possible avenues towards resolution, explains the ramifications to GFCBC if our license is granted, etc.
- d. Host Photos:** General discussion of Host Photos and their use in the station and on the website to help build and strengthen our community station. Hosts agreed that this was a good idea and agreed to send to Heather Lane JPGs of their photos for use both in the station and on the website.
- e. Gatherings:** Dot discussed WOOL gatherings and the 3rd Friday Artwalk and how these are positive experiences. Some hosts commented that this was how they first came into contact with WOOL. Hosts were encouraged to visit each others' shows and also to be more participatory in regular gatherings.
- f. Protocol:** General discussion of an erosion in protocol and regulation. Hosts were reminded that they MUST sign the station log before and after every show using their full name and the correct time. More scrutiny of the station log will begin this year and hosts will be called to task for failing to complete the log. Show cancellations need to be announced to the programming coordinator, currently Bob Skold, BEFORE the show is missed. Some hosts admitted to not knowing all the protocol for signing in and/or canceling their shows.
- g. Mentoring:** There was a general discussion of training, of what people learned in training, of the possibilities of the new system, and of continued mentoring of some hosts by others. Dickie Colo volunteered to mentor those who aren't quite sure of themselves or who need some further explanation before or after they've gone on the air.
- h. Equipment:** There was discussion of equipment, deficiencies, and proposals for purchase and donation:
 - i.** We need new turntable pre-amps. Art Coates agreed to donate one preamp.
 - ii.** We need a new needle for Turntable I. One host (who?) mentioned that he had found an appropriate needle for that turntable and would install it.
 - iii.** Marantz Power Supply: the power supply has been missing for some time and a new one is difficult to locate. This Marantz digital recorder was explained to hosts, some of whom didn't know we had this resource at our disposal.

9. General Discussion:

- a. Music Collector: Bob Ross discusses the Music Collector and MP3Collector software currently residing on the Admin Work Station. He encourages hosts to learn how it works and will provide them with a formal set of instructions in the coming weeks.
- b. Show Archive: Tony discusses the show archive and explains the trouble with our existing server that is slowing the progress towards hosts having access to all shows. It is hoped that these problems will be surmounted in the coming few weeks to make the full archive available to all hosts.
- c. Showtime Protocol: A general discussion was launched about the importance of keeping to scheduled showtimes and not running over each scheduled time even by seconds. Some hosts were unaware of our strict rules about showtimes and all hosts agreed that, now understood, it was important to keep their shows in the times allotted them.

10. Other Business: Appreciation of Dot Read, President of GFCBC from 2004-2008.

Gary Smith gave panegyric to Dot for her service to the station and all the members in attendance offered vehement applause to Dot for all her work to date.

11. Motion To Adjourn: Dot Read Motioned and Jeff Weiler seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.