

WOOL FM Annual Membership Meeting

June 23, 2019

President Bill Holtz called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM. He welcomed everyone to WOOL's 15th Annual Membership Meeting and introductions were made by each person.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from 2018's Annual Meeting were reviewed. Gary Smith made a motion to accept, Bob Osborne seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Gary presented the Profit and Loss, January-June 2019 and the WOOL Balance Sheet through June 14, 2019. Cheryl moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ginger Driscoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Tech Report

In the past year, Guilford has updated our new console, three visits have been made to the mountain (perhaps the fewest in recent memory!), and Comcast is planning on moving their equipment from Fall Mountain to Putney Mountain by the end of summer. Tony, Fireman John, Mark, and OzzyBob have shouldered the tech load; we thank you all!

Bruce will do the Emergency Alerts System update when he returns from vacation. Ozzy mentioned that our UPS needs a new battery; Gary stated that money has been allocated for a new UPS. Pat Fowler suggested that we make sure we get one that's big enough for the job. Triplight is the one we are considering.

Bill said that he wants to discuss another Barix with Tony and Mark; Mark responded that the current one sometimes "burps" but that it has been consistent recently. We need the type that has our emergency library. Discussion followed how even VPR deals with these same issues. Bill will try to talk to Tony about a "Raspberry Pie Broadcast Backup".

It was brought up that many of our headphones are starting to fall apart. The Beringers were bought 3-4 years ago, thanks to some WOOL members pulling together to purchase them. Ginger suggested we could make it a part of our Operating Expenses.

Mark is working on updating our computers.

Programming

We currently have seventeen Hosts; some are live, some use Dropbox. It's convenient for people to record their shows at home. Approximately six of the seventeen record at home. Mark mentioned that a laptop microphone recording quality doesn't sound the best and asked if it should be addressed station-wide. Discussion followed regarding microphones. (*To be added to next Board agenda.)

Mark reminded everyone that Radio Free America is the only way for shows to be archived. We currently have no one overseeing that.

We need to find someone to adapt the existing furniture or build new furniture to fit the new mixing console, it's much bigger than the existing one. We need someone professional, the cabling has to be redone, as well. Chris Sherwin suggested Vernon Temple; he will reach out to Vern to see if he will do it in exchange for underwriting. Bill may also be able to get some materials donated. Gary stated that the Wheatstone website sells items made specifically for this. Discussion followed regarding the console and set up. Mark pointed out that if the current furniture is refitted to hold the new console, it will need strong reinforcement.

Chris asked about mic shock mounts. Mark said that Jeff Starratt had purchased them for us once; we can check with him as to where he bought them.

The Board is currently in the process of reviewing a new online program.

Membership

Gary directed everyone to the Members in Good Standing on the back page of the Annual Report. Discussion followed on how to retain membership each year. It is a perennial discussion. Pat Fowler suggested encouraging people to pay via checks. Monthly donations are for the Rockingham Loan Fund, not membership.

Old Business

Underwriting – Bob Osborne is working on underwriting; he's been challenged by a few who have paid but haven't come up with what they want. Bob is moving forward cautiously and will send the underwriting piece to each of them for approval. Gary said that it would be great to have people who actually pay for it as much of it is done in kind. Bill will approach Smartwool and Saving Bank of Walpole for potential underwriting.

Public Files

Cheryl will get it completed and filed with the FCC today. Mark noted that the link to the Public File is on the WOOL homepage and is a federally required item.

Membership Retention and Growth

At next Board Meeting, the Board can form a membership retention letter to mail out. Pat suggested getting a Mailchimp account. She offered to set up an account for WOOL.

Election of Directors

Current slate: Melissa Berry Brown, Ginger Driscoll, Cheryl Gay Sherwin, Bill Holtz, John McCann, Robert Osborne, Gary Smith, Bruce Sterling; the floor was opened for nominations. no other nominations being made, as Secretary, Cheryl made a motion to nominate the current slate, Mark P. seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chris Sherwin made a motion for the Secretary to cast a vote for the slate, Pat Fowler seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Berry Brown

Ginger Driscoll

Cheryl Gay Sherwin

Bill Holtz

John McCann

Robert Osborne

Gary Smith

Bruce Sterling

Cheryl, as acting secretary cast one vote for the new slate of Board of Directors.

New Business

1. Upcoming Events:

Block Party – **This is what I have written & it doesn't make sense to me—Gary suggested that if we could find ten people to donate \$150.....**

Silent Auction

Evening of Jazz

2. Open Discussion: Pat Fowler urged everyone not to use Amazon and not to use Amazon Smile as a means to support WOOL. She asked everyone to please support local whenever possible.

Cheryl moved to adjourn, Ginger seconded; motion passed unanimously. WOOL Annual Meeting ended at 12:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Gay Sherwin

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FIRST	LAST	EMAIL	MEMBER	COMMENTS
Cheryl	Sherwin	CSherwin@comcast.net	Yes	♡
Pat	Fowler	patfowler@comcast.net	Yes	
Ginger	Dis roll	binge@jahn.com	Yes	This is a nice attendance sheet, thanks
Don	RETZER		✓	
Bob	OSBORNE	bobos@att.net	✓ yes	IT'S ALL GOOD
MARK	PIEPKOR	duckhaw etc	YES	I'm A WHIRL
GARY	SMITH		YES	ok!
BILL	HOLTZ		YES	DITTO DAT
CHRIS	SHERWIN	sherwinart@comcast.net	YES	I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A BLACK SHEEP!!