

WOOL Board of Directors Meeting
Great Falls Community Broadcasting Company
33 Bridge Street Bellows Falls VT 05101
Wednesday, 7 June 2023
6:00 – 6:58 pm
MINUTES

Attendance: Bruce Sterling, Melissa Brown, Tony Elliott (Acting Treasurer), Don Dawson, Skye Payne (minutes)

Hosts: Erin Dougherty Petrie

Absent: John McCann, Martin Royle,

1. REVIEW MINUTES from MAY 2023

MOTION: Don moved to approve May minutes as corrected to consolidate membership information. Melissa seconded. Passed unanimously.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT (*document supplied by Tony; see Attachment*)

- Still getting donations for Gary's fund
- Concerns expressed about leaving money in PayPal and recent news reports supporting this, too
- Mascoma Bank seems a good choice so would like to open account there –
 - Tony & Bruce will be the signatories
 - Will move the PayPal funds there and some of the M&T funds

MOTION: Melissa moved to approve opening an account at Mascoma Bank. Don seconded. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Don moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Melissa seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. ADMIN & TECH SUPPORT

- Evan did a great job straightening out the sound card driver for station playlist computer!
- Lightning strike – no power at Mountain Hut –
 - Tony chatted with tower people and decided to hire electrician to check it out, then station came back on – all by itself – or through another station's help . . .or. . .?!
 - There were generators running up there, but not powering WOOL or the hut itself
 - Should we do something to be prepared in the future? Has been rare event → check with Evan
 - John had suggested having an OUTAGE banner on the website to alert listeners
- WOOL website – up and running fine – little tweaks still
 - Merchandise sales on website → Don working on photos but needs samples to take pictures of
- Internet services –
 - Fidium → still awaiting refund on the router that was returned to them
 - Still have COMCAST to have static IP address
- WOOL mail & voicemail report → Not much lately
- Tony brought up looking into getting online FileMaker Pro

4. MARKETING

- Newsletter: Don finished long interview with Charlie Hunter, who is reviewing it then, will get it edited to manageable size and content
- WOOL Kiosk at Bellows Falls Music Festival, doing smoothies – Bruce is getting fixings together

5. PROGRAMMING

- New hosts /shows pending - Bruce will train John Yake, but so far not able to get together
- Recording new PSAs – Don’s nephew all set to do them if needed – Don will talk with John

6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Membership update → 116 members total, with target of 145 which was our largest last year
 - Sustaining and regular are equal at 46 and 45, respectively, right now
 - May get more at the Bellows Falls Music Festival at Waypoint this Saturday
- 2023 WOOL Cold Call Membership Drive
 - Melissa having a problem with envelopes → Bruce suggested she print a PDF of the addresses to send to him and he can take it from there
 - About 400 Cold Call letters to get out

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Mid-River Bulletin Board (MRBB) update
- WOOL Annual Membership Meeting – Sunday, 06-25-23, 11am
 - Bruce putting the slate together
 - This is a meeting for the membership to vote, so does not require Board quorum
 - Need Annual Report put together, such as John and Evan and Tony writing up all the tech upgrades

MOTION: Melissa moved to have Erin Dougherty-Petrie join the Board. Don seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURN

MOTION: Melissa moved to adjourn. Don seconded. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETINGS: 11:00 am, Sunday, 25 June 2023 – Annual Meeting
6:00 pm, Wednesday, 12 July 2023 – Regular Board Meeting



Treasurer's Report

DATE: June 6, 2023

TO: Great Falls Community Broadcasting Board of Directors

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We began the month of May with \$7,011.33 in our M&T Bank checking and \$14,117.40 in our PayPal account for a total of \$21,128.73. We closed May with \$7,825.24 in our M&T Bank account and \$14,559.71 in PayPal for a total of \$22,384.95 in operating capital. This is an increase of \$1,256.22 during May. We adjusted \$3.72 for small differences due to a lingering PayPal amount and applied it to PayPal fees.

We continue to hold most cash in the PayPal account. At this time, we are considering opening a new bank account at Mascoma Bank, which has a branch conveniently in Walpole. We would move a substantial amount of cash from our PayPal and M&T account to Mascoma.

Let me know if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Treasurer