

WOOL Board of Directors Meeting
Great Falls Community Broadcasting Company
33 Bridge Street Bellows Falls VT 05101
Wednesday, 11 February 2026
6:03 – 7:45 pm
MINUTES

Attendance: Bruce Sterling (President), Gary Coger, Don Dawson (Newsletter, et al.), John McCann (Programming), Evan Parks (Tech Team), Erin Petrie (Tech Team), Don Trettler, Skye Payne (minutes)

Absent: Melissa Berry Brown, Eric Kallio (Vice President, Treasurer)

1. REVIEW MINUTES from January 2026

<p>MOTION: Don moved to approve January minutes as corrected. Evan seconded. Passed unanimously.</p>

2. TREASURER'S REPORT (*see Attachment*) → tabled due to Treasurer's absence

- Review of January Treasurer's report
- Host volunteer hours

3. ADMIN & TECH SUPPORT

- Studio tech update
 - Music library being updated
 - There is a folder on Audacity where files of songs can be loaded
 - Twice Evan has had problems with DJ software equipment dropping out briefly, but rebooted and then seemed fine – not sure what the problem is – seems kind of random – maybe need to reset the interface
 - Erin noticed today that some songs have not been automatically ID'd on Spintron so need to watch for that and may have to enter by hand
 - Evan still working out bugs with other equipment before making any purchase recommendations – need wireless color printer that can also scan – Skye will bring in two options for Tech Team to try out
 - Evan will look into CD player to replace current one
- Transmitter technical updates → waiting on funding, then treasurer will order the new transmitter
 - Some transmitters have been hacked so need to ensure the security of the new one
 - Also may need to secure the area where the transmitter is

4. MARKETING

- Membership update: now have 21 new members for 2026
- Merchandise supply is now up to date
- 2026 WOOL Block Party –
 - Not clear that we have someone to take it on as point person – check with Hosts
 - Some bands have already asked about coming back
- Stage 33 (Public Domain Film Series) WOOL sponsorship and volunteering →
 - WOOL took in \$66 between concession and tickets this past week;
 - Pete and Gary are volunteering for this week, too
- Probably not returning to Chester Fall Festival this year due to change of venue being much less desirable
- Looking into Pizza Night at the Orchard, the Exit 1 Welcome Center, & Saxtons River events in July

5. PROGRAMMING

- Programming update
 - Will broadcast the live *Democracy Now* broadcast at 9am instead of tape at 8am
 - Start on February 23 to allow for notice to listeners of the change
- Host Contract revisions
- New Host updates
 - New training test
 - Wendy Levy – show from home – John will contact her to have her sign the contract and arrange a show time and pay Host Fee – *Choose Your Own Adventure* – will be live remote show which is new, so will review after a probationary period
 - Jennifer Dassau → Eric has been working with her – she has filled out paperwork and John will be connecting with her this week -
 - Samantha and Chris Kopij → Chris has passed written test but Samantah did not; Chris completed his training – next week he is doing a practical exam with Evan – Evan recommends them and they want to call the show *Off the Rails* bi-weekly on Sundays at 2pm for 1 hour

MOTION: Evan moved to accept new program and Hosts Chris and Samantha Kopij as discussed. And on condition he passes the practical exam. John seconded. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Evan moved to accept return of Wendy Levy as a Host as discussed. Don T seconded. Passed with two abstentions.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- Lobbying State with VANS – asking State for \$1.89 million which Governor changed to \$1.35 million – WOOL will get small cut due to having paid into VANS – WOOL will be asked to help with letter writing and so forth to support VANS' efforts – VT Community Radio group has Zoom meeting third Thurs of month at noon
- Nick Streeter not responding to texts from Don D so not working out to hire him for snow clearing

7. ADJOURN

MOTION: Don D moved to adjourn. Evan seconded. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 11 March 2026



Treasurer’s Report

DATE: February 6, 2026
TO: Great Falls Community Broadcasting Board of Directors

Black Sheep Radio Community,

See attached financial documents for our current position as of the end of January 2026.

The balance sheet shows that WOOL has a deficit of \$792.40 after all incidental and recurring expenses were paid compared to the income versus expenses from the previous month. Our cash balance as of January 31 is \$32,517.31.

The diagrams show below P&L and Expense comparisons.

January had a few membership renewals come in and 1 underwriter. The annual licensing fee renewal for the Broadcast Tool & Die internet service was due and the Spintron annual fee will be reflected in February’s reporting. WOOL has now paid for membership in the Vermont Advocacy Network.

As always, send me any questions.

Thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Kallio

Interim Vice President & Treasurer



