

Minutes of the The DCAT Governance Committee
Monday, November 3, 2003
4:00 PM
Town Hall Council Chambers

Present:

Paul Gasowski
Kathleen Kentner
Peter Brown
Kathy Paine
George Kachadorian
Frank Windsor
Craig Stevens

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Paul was headed out of town to film a high school soccer game and was allowed to address the committee for the start of the meeting. He proposed a new schedule for video workshops and various fee schedules and will forward documents to the committee. He would like to see DCAT training up and running. He also expressed concern about a break down in communications between the town and DCAT as to the responsibilities of the DCAT coordinator. It was suggested later that Pete resolve this problem by talking with all interested parties at some point.

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The previous minutes were approved after Paul's departure. A new vacancy exists on the committee with the resignation of Margie Smith and a replacement is being sought.

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Craig Stevens gave an update on operations. The background music will cost twice as much as expected but will still be submitted for funding. He has a few more volunteers coming in to help out. He also received a brochure from St. Anslem College offering tapes, free of charge, of lecture series sponsored by the NH Institute of Politics. This led into a discussion of hardware and whether the ability exists to run all of our programming requirements with our existing equipment. Craig has requested a state of the art system to accomplish this, with a price of approximately \$17,000. The committee asked him to look into alternative ideas to accomplish our requirements but at a much lower cost. Specifically, with televised meetings exceeding 2 1/2 hours, a second tape deck is tied up for each meeting. If we want to show new programs we will need more capability.

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Kathy requested that the candidate's forum be placed on the next meeting's agenda. She provided all with the updated copy of the operating rules. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing fees. It was suggested that "membership" fees be eliminated and that a further discussion of fees be made at the next meeting. There was also discussion about trainer pay and any profit going towards the DCAT budget.

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The meeting was adjourned around 5:45pm. The next meeting will be on 1 DEC 03 at 4pm in the council meeting room.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Brown