

DCAT Governance Committee
Meeting Minutes
22 March 2004

Member present: Peter Brown, Paul Gasowski, Kathleen Kentner, Erika Mantz, Tom Merrick

Members excused: Frank Windsor, George Kachadorian, Clayton Tolson, Katie Paine

The meeting was called to order by Peter Brown. He presented a standardized agenda to be used from now on (see attachment). He spoke to Clayton Tolson on the phone and she informed him that she no longer desired to be on the committee. Pete told her to submit a resignation letter so her vacancy could be filled.

Approval of the 1 March 2004 minutes was moved to 5 April 2004.

The DCAT Supervisor was excused for a family obligation.

Tom Merrick requested that the 24 March training be added to the agenda.

Peter Brown presented a list of proposed DCAT responsibilities, activities, and website needs (see attachment). He also submitted an application to air a program on Channel 22.

Paul Gasowski gave an update on the high school studio production schedule. He proposed that a Durham group could hold part of their meeting at the studio for taping, i.e. a guest speaker, and then use a classroom for the rest of their meeting. Pete told Paul that the Boy Scouts were interested in attending the meeting but were not ready to tape.

The discussion shifted to filming something about the trail system in Durham if someone could research it. Erika Mantz said she would look into it and also suggested airing a recent concert at UNH. Pete was already in contact with people about that and would pursue it further. The subject of "connections" between UNH and the high school came up. The cable is laid but not connected. Once it is, anything filmed at UNH can be downloaded for Channel 22.

Copyright issues were discussed once again. Can DCAT televise school concerts or plays? Paul suggested getting in touch with some cable alliances to get answers.

The discussion moved to equipment purchasing. The supervisor's absence made it difficult to understand why the equipment was needed. Questions arose about the relationship between the DCAT GC, supervisor and town manager, as well as questions about DCAT budget items. A motion was made to postpone the vote on the equipment purchase until the fiduciary responsibilities of the DCAT GC are clarified. The motion passed 4-0-1. Pete will speak to Todd Selig about this motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 April 2004 at 4pm at council chambers.

The meeting was adjourned.