

MEETING MINUTES
DCAT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Nov. 9, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Gasowski, Erika Mantz, Tom Merrick, George Kachadorian, Jerry Needell, David Langley, Peter Brown

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Stevens (DCAT coordinator)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT (EXCUSED): Kathy Kentner

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Peter Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- II. **Agenda Approval:** Agenda approved.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** from October meeting. Six in favor, one abstention
- IV. **DCAT Supervisor Report:** Craig reported that he was asked to make copies of the tapes of footage from downtown the night the Red Sox beat the Yankees and the night the Red Sox won the World Series for the police. He said there was no footage of the dog bite. Todd Selig advised Craig not to charge police for dubbing the tapes. The policy for charging for dubs is inconsistent, Dave L. noted, and even if DCAT does not charge, it should be documented, at least on paper. Tom M. also noted there is no documentation of what is for DCAT and what's not. If footage is not for broadcast (like the downtown Red Sox footage) why should DCAT pay? Craig advised that the timesheets he uses have a line to show what department the footage was for and he said he will submit that information to Todd. Craig also reported that one Town Council meeting did not get recorded; the hard drive needed to be reset. He is now making a copy on DVD. There was also a problem making changes to the bulletin board due to a conflict between ISP addresses. It is now fixed.
- V. **Reports and Comments of Members:** George shared his research about copyrights. In short, community access television does have to have permission to use music; "we are stuck with the same rules as everyone else." Fair use laws are very nebulous and confusing, but almost everything prior to 1922 can be used, with some exceptions (ie. Disney). He did note that there are Web sites with free music. Peter inquired about the footage from the ORSD 50th anniversary. Paul responded that he is waiting to find out if the school district will accept responsibility for airing the musical and other programs. Rights aren't clear as it was not part of a class and admission was charged. Paul also noted that Apple has software called "Garage Band" that allows you to write your own music fairly easily. George said he has a call into the Comcast local access guy to see if they've a blanket agreement also broadcast of copyrighted music, etc. Tom thanked Craig for keeping the committee up-to-date via e-mail and asked that the newly revised policy section be put on the Web site. Paul reviewed the new programs he has and said that Dave is going to help him with some editing to help with the backlog. On a technical note, the cable system at the school is still being built out, the lighting isn't finished, and the quality of the signal is still an issue.

Paul said that the original goal was to get community producers trained to help with some of the requests for programs. He said he is not sure how or when the committee will get there, but stressed his obligation is to education vs. the general public. Eventually, he hopes training for everyone will be available through an adult education program. A good first step will be to invite community members in to help crew when the studio in the school is set up. Committee members agreed that Paul should not feel responsible for providing all programming. Erika agreed to look to UNH organizations for existing programming.

VI. Public Comment: None.

VII. Unfinished Business: None

VIII. New Business: Group agreed to remove Good TV from the lineup and to begin working on a small section of DCAT documentation at each meeting. Peter will identify a section before the December meeting.

IX. Next Meeting: Dec. 7, 2004, at 7 p.m. in Town Council chambers.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.