

MEETING MINUTES
DCAT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
November 28, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Merrick, Henry Smith, Craig Stevens, Paul Gasowski

EXCUSED: Carol Camp, David Langley, George Kachadorian, Erika Manz

Member of the Public Attending: Todd Ziemek

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Tom Merrick called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM
- II. **AGENDA APPROVAL:** Approved with addition of "Bulletin Board" under *Old Business*
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. October 24, 2006: Not Approved, No Quorum
 - B. Henry and Paul will send requested wording changes by email for the next meeting.
- IV. **DCAT SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Craig reports he has receive requests to air videos that are not yet filmed. 1) on Tia Chi Martial Arts class by a student with instructor and 2) Riding with Town police.
- V. **REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF MEMBERS:** Paul: ORCSD is attempting a new video item each week. Has some in editing now. The Holiday Concert is coming. He and a Comcast technician have traced video quality to a rack at the school. Responisibiity for this equipment is unclear. A student will cover "Light up Durham" with 2 cameras and has visited the Boy Scouts and cutting Christmas trees to shoot video. Henry: Congratulated Craig on having his budget (\$27,000) accepted. He asked about Channel 22 coverage at UNH and learned there is only a small region covered. Paul contributed that the ORCSD fiber connection is long term planned to feed Channel 22 to UNH. He expects no Durham funding will be involved. Craig said many students attend meetings since they cannot view them in most of UNH housing. Henry wants to clarify the minutes section on his comments about political content broadcast on CH 22. The committee recognized the need for clarity and fairness in accepting political video content for broadcast. The hope for a second PEG channel was mentioned as a long term goal with perhaps a school focus. Craig reported Beth Olshansky contributed a political video with both Carol Shea Porter and Jeb Bradly to provide a balance rather than one with partisan content. Paul mentioned having been offered a Jeb Bradly video, but declined to air it. Bradley was not able to come to the school.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Todd Ziemek is interested in joining DCAT-GC. He spoke about his TV experience in public broadcasting and is currently contributing HD video to HD News. Todd is interested in the digital transition and the direction of the industry. Todd also contributed during other parts of the meeting. Henry expressed a desire to have Todd join the committee.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. DCAT-GC Membership Opportunities. No other new members

have been identified.

- B. Budget. As stated in Henry's report the budget Craig submitted has been accepted.
- C. Political Broadcasts. See reports above.
- D. Community Bulletin Board – School and Town contents. Craig and Paul have arranged to have a 2+ minute promo for a school program aired during CBB time slots.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. DCAT-GC input for the annual Town Report due Friday December 1, 2006. Dave Langley had suggested via email to use the previous 2005 report as a template. It was also suggested the August 2006 report to the Town Council was a good source. Tom requested more input from the committee. Paul mentioned having aired 24 School Board meetings and 39 other programs distributed in sports, arts, and common interest topics. He emphasized the work was part of the educational program for half a year with some students doing extra work. The educational value is highly regarded as the students learn video production as well as material from what they film. Craig has also increased programing.

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- IX. **NEXT MEETINGS: Discussion** about the December meeting normally on the 4th Tuesday which is the day after Christmas led to proposalz to a) delete the meeting, b) schdule one for January 2, the day after New Years, and 3) to move the meeting to December 19, 2006. Tom agreed to poll the members via email to find a consensus.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 PM.**

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