**WFVR October Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023 6:04pm -7:35pm**

**South Royalton Library**

**Todd Tyson, Jim Rooney, Morgan Haynes, Jenn Tabor, Carl Newman,**

**Pat Halpin, Ralph Molinario**

**1) Review/Approve September Minutes:** Approve September minutes. Vote: Passed.

**2) Programming Report (Todd):** New Program: “Into the Pheobe-Verse” with Marion Umpleby, first show was October 9th. Reminder to screen all songs for explicit language, a few have gotten through recently. Hillary Leicher is working on a story hour to air Saturday mornings at 9am. She wants to have kids and families come into the studio to read during the program as well. “Ozark Highlands” getting bumped to the bench, too much recycled content. Sarah Yetter wants to move “Between Dreams” to 4pm on Saturdays due to a schedule conflict with work. Geoff Clayton is working on getting more student involvement on the Wild Cat Hour. This would be great for the students and the station! A couple other prospects for new programs but no commitments yet.

***Urging all programmers to create a promo of their show. This needs to be made a priority. Contact Todd to schedule.***

**3) Treasurer’s Report (Jenn):** September’s bank balance after all bills paid is $27,348.20 and PayPal is $865.98. $9.43 in interest for 2023. We received the 2k stipend from the Sheep and Wool Fest. Investigating how to have the donor pay the PayPal transaction fee, or give them the option. Brainstorming ways to automate membership renewal reminders.

**4) Tech Report (Todd):** Todd is testing old equipment to see what works and trying to get salvageable items repaired. Would like to add a 3rd CD player dedicated to playing station promos.

**EAS NOA UPDATE:** We are set up to receive the signal from Moose Mountain but there seems to be an issue with the signal “reaching the end of the daisy chain”. Goddard Radio Station having issues too. Betsy has been making phone calls but not getting anywhere. Emergency Signal does not play on the rebroadcast, please continue show if it sounds when you are on the air.

**5) Social Media/Web Update (Morgan):** Carl asked if we could post playlists on social media/website. We have to be careful not to promote specific streaming services but sharing Spinitron playlists is okay. Todd has been looking back into the idea of creating an app for the station. However, the hosting fee is 2k annually. Morgan suggested updating the website: more responsive for mobile devices, better media player, cleaner navigation. Board agreed on offering Alex compensation for the project, Morgan will reach out to Alex to discuss.

**6) Review of Sheep & Wool (Todd):** Jeremy’s email dated October 10, 2023 was referenced. He suggests more volunteers and more help with money collection, the event is becoming a popular, significant event and we need to consider its growth for next year. We will not ask for more compensation at this time. However, we should utilize it as more of a station marketing event. Volunteers can wear logo’d shirts/vests, station info needs to be added to the website and brochure. Ask festival to pay small stipend to musicians, more seating for listeners is also needed.

**7) Mobile Stage Update:** Repairs needed include carpentry, painting, and new jack stands which are $200. Board approved.

**8) Staff Party:** 15+ people attended. Lower turnout than anticipated. Need to brainstorm how to increase attendance for next party. Perhaps an event in the spring.

**9) VLGS Community Open House & Harvest Fest:** October 21st behind Yates building. Food and music. It is important for programmers to talk about these hyper-local events on the air.

**10) Studio Feng Shui:** Scheduled for 10/21 in the morning. Cleaning and organizing. Switching out components. Patrick wants sensitive equipment relocated.

**11) Star Radio Hour:** 10/14. Dress rehearsal day before. Add mics on audience to enhance live broadcast feel for listeners.

**12) Other Business:** Yes We Can Can! Todd has earned $52 in can redemptions. Please save your redeemables for Todd. Tunbridge Fair, let’s bring back “Dreamland” dancehall on a Friday afternoon/early evening. Station produced with a combination of recorded music, live performances, and live broadcasts. Fair would need to promote.

**Meeting Close:** Next meeting is Wednesday, November 22nd.