

May 22, 2025
7-8:45 pm
SoRo Library

Board members present: Todd Tyson, Jim Rooney, Ralph Molinario, Cecily Herzig, Morgan Haynes, Jeremy Frost, Jenn Tabor
Others: Ed Castner

April's Meeting Minutes accepted

Programming: Ed Castner taking on the 5th Thursday shift for Fourth Branch Jazz.

Looking for programmers to cover the 7-10am Tuesday Morning Mix slot through the summer. Format can be flexible. Thom Healy, Pat Halpin, Ryan Hacc, have signed up for some shifts, about half covered at the time of this meeting.

"Round table" show Saturdays 10am-12pm is on hold for now but should be back on track in a month or so. Format would be an anchor DJ each week with rotating hosts and drop-in guests. This would be a great way for new/potential DJs to get their feet wet.

WordStream is looking for a sub/guest host who enjoys reading/writing to help cover when Todd and Rose are out.

The search is still on for a reggae show. Could be a Dropbox arrangement. Replace That Driving Beat Wednesdays 3-5pm.

Need something for Thursdays at 6am. There is dead air until Todd gets there.

Tech: Trying to get Google Workspace for non-profits set up but there is some kind of mixup with EIN# and the email address (Henry's) that was used when the organization was originally set up.

CD players still glitch occasionally with some people and not for others. No action needed at this time until it becomes a consistent problem.

Last week during the storm the transmitter lost power briefly. Working on a backup power source that could last for 10 hours. Possible future expense.

Hiring an engineer to create a coverage map of our FM signal if we moved the transmitter to Tim Murphy's property. Advantage: line of sight. If we increase coverage do we lose current listeners in other areas?

We received an emergency weather broadcast during the recent storm. WOWD picked up the signal. On paper VT Public is sending signals but we are not receiving them.

Social: Newsletter (Mailchimp) audience has doubled since its creation 3 years ago. Up to 382 subscribers. Morgan pays \$12 a month for the subscription and is fine writing it off. If audience gets larger and fee increases she will seek reimbursement.

VCRC (Vermont Community Radio Coalition) monthly meeting update: VT community radio stations will receive \$150k in state funding to improve emergency services. Increasing our coverage would be considered emergency resilience. We could get approx \$15k.

Mobile Stage & Events Schedule

Trailer: Wiring for broken blinkers repaired. Needs fresh trim and paint. Tom Wells helping set up at The Ranger.

New shirts ordered in pink, dark green, and heather grey.

Party in the Pasture: June 7th need 3 DJs to play music during the weekend. We get a stipend. Todd to write script for programmers to read on air for promos.

Jenny Brook: June 25-29. MC workshops, supply small sound system, trailer, hang banner, receive comp tickets for volunteers. Todd, Ralph, Jim, Morgan, Jenn, Jeremy, maybe Cecily.

SoRo Farmers Market: Every other Sunday starting 6/1. Organizers are trying to bring more art and music. Possible WFVR presence.

Chelsea: Farmers market during the summer- DJing, Arts Fest 8/30- Jim playing.

FledgeFest & Pedal Power to the People 12: August 23rd. All PPP tickets will include entry to FledgeFest.

Solar Fest: August 9th. We are sponsors. Todd curated the musical acts.

Sheep & Wool: October 4-5. We receive a stipend. Parking, live music, DJs.

Treasurer's Report:

Bar Harbor = 19,342.19

PayPal = 1,913.32

CD = 20,039.35

Our last CD we earned 183.78 on interest. A total of \$450 was donated by 8 people in Gene's honor. Earned \$183 interest on a 6 month CD. Just paid insurance \$800, trailer repairs \$200. Underwriters currently up for renewal: BALE, Moon & Stars, First Branch Coffee, and Strategic Data Flow. From the list provided last month, none have renewed. Daybreaks Glass Studio off underwriter list. Jeremy will help Jenn emailing delinquent underwriters.

New Business: Donating \$100 to RandTel, Patrick Schlott's phone company.

Parking: It is ok to park on the street by the studio, just not in front of the garage doors. There are a few exceptions where people may park in front of the rail at the studio.

Next meeting: Annual Meeting! June 19th 6:30pm at the SoRo Green. We will renew board member terms, any nominees for new board members? We have a great and engaged board!