

TV79 Meeting Minutes

July 27th 2023

Those in attendance: Committee members Dave Dever, Micheal Wheeler, Jim Cameron, Dennis Cummings, Carrie Wysocki, and Robert Flynn. Also CTO Cecil Wade

0:00 - Meeting Called to Order

0:01 - Approval of the Minutes - Passed Unanimously

0:02 - Programming: Special Programming is doing well and continues to remain popular.

0:04 - Legislative Update: The decision was to hold the most recent Legislative Update despite the fact that the update was not bipartisan, the decision was made to do so because one political party made up the available representatives for the town whereas under normal circumstances this would not be the case if multiple parties could be represented in the update. The board reaffirmed the commitment to being non-partisan and politically agnostic. Cameron reminded Board of the upcoming two-month "quiet period" before elections, limiting coverage only to candidates conducting normal duties.

0:09 - Viewership seems to be mostly normal. There is an odd metric saying that most viewers on Facebook are from Cambodia - this seems that Facebook-reported data is dubious at best.

0:17 - Technology update - Looking into AI transcription and minutes/timestamps logging to improve viewer access. Opinions were expressed about current reservations but also future potentials as the technology improves. Concerns were shared about ensuring the accuracy of any AI reporting without human overview. Board encouraged further research as AI technology improves.

0:39 - Auditorium A/V work is going along to plan and seems to be developing into a wonderful package with recording options and multimedia displays.

0:44 Budget update - We went over budget! We covered the month of June by using Area 9 reserve funds. In the next fiscal year, we have expanded our budget request. We also have an upcoming Area Nine grant we can use for supplemental operations.

0:55 Motion to adjourn - passed unanimously