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APPROVED VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2022

Present: Chairman Sol Silverstein, Gary DelPiano, Bob Kelly, Mike Muttitt, Coordinator Ron Davis, Assistant Coordinator Chris Kelly, Recording Secretary Marlene Silverstein

Chairman Silverstein convened the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Questions & Comments: Gary DelPiano asked whether there is a guide to the programming showing anymore. Assistant Coordinator Kelly responded that the guide hasn’t been shown too often lately. He plans to put up 2 guides: one between shows and one on a scroll while the programs are running. He is looking into a guide that might be able to update automatically rather than manually the way he is doing it currently.

Approve Minutes: Mike Muttitt, seconded by Bob Kelly, made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Review: The budget for the month of July was reviewed.

Coordinator's Report: Coordinator Davis reported that Assistant Coordinator Kelly reports that the OGAT studio has been functioning smoothly through July with no notable problems. He also reported that the Optimum internet service has been cancelled, and the modem and router were returned to Altice since OGAT is now using the town’s internet access. Assistant Coordinator Kelly contacted AT&T to switch OGAT’s cellular service (used for remote broadcasts) to its FirstNet System to provide unlimited data at a lower cost than OGAT’s present 5GB plan. Assistant Coordinator Kelly was awaiting receipt of a new SIM card from AT&T. Assistant Coordinator Kelly reported that the SIM card was received today. He tested it and it works.

Assistant Coordinator Kelly continues to edit the Bicentennial interviews. Each interviewee will receive a flash drive containing his or her interview. Work continues on consolidating portions of all the interviews into a single program.
Assistant Coordinator Kelly reported that July has 95 Live Hits on TelVue CloudCast, 100 VOD (Video on Demand) Hits on TelVue CloudCast and 355 YouTubeLive and VOD hits.

Gary DelPiano, seconded by Mike Muttitt, *made the motion to approve the Coordinator’s Report.* The motion carried unanimously.

**Internet Access:** Chairman Silverstein reported that we are now on the town’s internet service.

**Action Item List:** The Action Item List was discussed. Assistant Coordinator Kelly reported he hopes to have more camera operators to rely on and wants to update the procedures so that they have them as a guide for operating the equipment. He hopes to have the procedures updated and more camera operators available by the beginning of October.

**Cable Advisory Council (CAC) Grant:** Chairman Silverstein reported that he has not received the grant funds yet, but understands that it will be coming soon. He also reported that he may need to get a new quote from the vendor, B&H, since their original quote expires today or tomorrow. Gary DelPiano asked how much money we have received from CAC since the grants became available. He said this information would be helpful when we request funds from the town.

**Equipment Inventory:** No changes have been made to the equipment inventory.

**Committee Vacancies:** Chairman Silverstein reported that he has not heard anything from the First Selectman’s office concerning filling the vacancies.

**Town Annual Report:** Chairman Silverstein reviewed his draft input for the Annual Town Report. Mike Muttitt suggested that Chairman Silverstein include a sentence letting the townspeople know how much money OGAT has saved the town by applying for the CAC grants over the past 14 years. The consensus of the committee was to include a statement to this effect in the report.

Bob Kelly, seconded by Mike Muttitt, *made the motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Silverstein,
Recording Secretary