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**Meeting Minutes**

A meeting was held on Thursday October 5, 2006 at 6:00 PM at the Yorkville City Hall to discuss the current status of the consortium.

**Board Members present:**

Jane Regnier – Waubonsee  
Charlie Pajor – Oswego  
Dennis Keene - Sandwich  
Max Herwig – North Aurora

**Other Attendees:** None

**Topics of Discussion:**

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and Jane seconded the motion. All board members present voted yes.

**Budget Report**

Max reported that the checking account has a balance of \$239,223.26

**Payment of Current Bills**

Current bills to be paid are Drendel & Drendel attorney bill for \$260.00 and Waubonsee bill for \$18,686.39. Motion made by Dennis and seconded by Charlie to pay the current bills. All board members present voted yes.

**Collection of Quarterly Consortium Membership Fees**

No Report

**Old Business**

**Managers Report**

Jane gave an update to Waubonsee converting from atm to gigabyte infrastructure. She stated that a new "Z" brick will be required and it will be presented at the next Waubonsee board meeting in November. If approved the cost of the "Z" brick will be reflected in the next bill to the consortium. Jane stated that Mike has taped all the festivals and will put together a composite of the festivals so that next year it can be used to advertise the up coming festival. He is also proposing putting up a personal video holiday card. People could come in to the studio and have a holiday greeting video taped and put up on FVTV 17.

**Member Report**

None

## **New Business**

### **Managers Report**

Jane reported that Mike Rennels was not present because he was teaching a beginning producers class, TVP001, and there were 6 students enrolled. Mike has an intermediate course called the Editing course that will start November 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> on Saturdays. He has a producers meeting scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> and the topic will be “audio”.

Jane reported on the problem on the FVTV website bulletin board with SPAM generated by “robots”. Modifications are being installed to block the SPAM as much as possible. It will be monitored and additional changes made as necessary.

Jane stated that things were a little slow right now as related to producers producing programs. There is a group of producers who are working on a “Star War” production in the studio including costumes. The production should be done in about six months.

Jane informed us that our part time person, Chris Moore’s, hours were being changed from 3:00 - 9:00 PM to 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM to better utilize Chris’s time.

### **Member Reports**

Dennis reported that a company has approached the City of Sandwich to put transmission antennas on top of Sandwich’s water tower.

Charlie informed us that he was contacted by Denham Reynolds about the following issues: problems with playback, programs not starting on time, programs freezing up after they start, not being able to monitor channel 17 from Waubensee, SPAM on the website, consortium meeting minutes up on the website and post on the website a monthly “What’s Happening for FVTV”. Max stated that all of these issues are not new and Mike and him have been working them. He said that the playback issue is one that is strictly related to Denham’s programs and has to do with him not using our editing system. We do not experience the problem with any of the programs edited on our equipment. Max said that the Mike has investigated the problem of Denham’s programs not starting on time and have not been able to find any reason why they shouldn’t have started when we said they were. There was an issue about a year ago with a couple of his earlier programs and our system and they did not start on time but we have not experienced any problem for the past eight months to year. Max reported that the freezing up problem was caused by Comcast and has been corrected as well as the loss of sound on some programs. Jane reported that Waubensee is not able to monitor channel 17 because Sugargrove is served by Media Com. Max said he would work with Comcast and Waubensee to see if we can port channel 17 signal back to Waubensee. Jane reported that the SPAM issue is being addressed. Max stated that he thought he could convert the meeting minutes from Word format to PDF but found out he couldn’t. Mike Rennels will be doing the conversion and putting the minutes up once he gets the software. Max suggested that Mike send out a “Manager’s Report” once a month. Jane will work with Mike to see what type of monthly communications should be provided either on the website or via email.

Charlie stated that he will draft an email response to Denham and send it to Max before sending it out.

## **Audience Comments**

None

**Schedule next meeting**

The next meeting will be at 6:00 PM on December 7, 2006 at the Yorkville City Hall, 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, and IL.

**Meeting Adjourned**

A motion to adjourn was made by Charlie and seconded by Dennis, All board members present voted yes.

Please direct any corrections or question on the above to Max Herwig via email or 630-697-5285.

Respectfully,

Max Herwig

**Attachment "A"****Legislative Update for August 3, 2006 SFVCTC Board Mtg.**

On June 8, 2006 the US House passed HR.5252, the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006 (C.O.P.E.) by a 321-101 vote.

The Senate Bill S.2686 Communications, Consumer's Choice, and Broadband Deployment Act of 2006 came out of committee on June 29, 2006 re-titled the Advanced Telecommunications and Opportunities Reform Act of 2006 (ATOR) and was re-numbered HR 5252.

**FVTV Updates**

Next classes:

TVP001 (Basic) Thursdays 6-10pm Oct. 5- Oct.26<sup>th</sup>

TVP002 (Editing) Saturdays Noon-4pm Nov. 4- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

Shot Oswego, Plano, and Sandwich festivals. To air as soon as edited.

New users shot Yorkville 4<sup>th</sup>, and assisted with Sandwich parade.

Will shoot North Aurora Days this weekend and Yorkville Hometown Days on Labor Day weekend.

Adjusted the Yorkville council sound system to work properly.

Playback now begins at 5pm and ends at 10pm. Repeats the next day run from 9am-2pm.

Playback is now 7 days a week, 10 hours a day.

Currently seeking bids for new equipment purchases.

Working to incorporate Board meeting minutes onto web. Perhaps we can obtain a domain for the SFVCTC that FVTV can link to. I'd like to keep fvtv.info as non-political as possible. We only need to secure the domain name; we have the server space to host.

Mike Rennels  
August 3, 2006