WJFF Board of Trustees (BoT) Meeting Minutes March 9, 2011

-ADOPTED AS AMENDED March 30, 2011-

Present: BoT members: Dawn Dorcas, Lisa Lyons, Fern Hagedorn, Rose Brown, Michael Propst and Robert Rosengard.
Absent: Steve Van Benschoten , David Barnes, David Dann, Stephen Schick, Winston Clark, Station Manager.
Volunteers: Les Mattis, and Linda Charpentier
Public: Modou Joof, Jesse Ballew, and John Webber

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Rose Brown at the Callicoon Town Hall.

Questions and Comments from the Public

John Webber asked about the timing of the fundraising letter that referred to program changes.

Jesse Ballew commented on the Program Committee (PC) communications and suggested the involvement of the Community Advisory Board (CAB). Lisa Lyons replied that the CAB reports the information they receive from the community they do not give input to the PC on how to implement that information.

John Webber felt that unanswered questions remain about the process of the PC. He believes that this entire change came from Winston Clark and Winston should not be involved in the PC meetings. Robert Rosengard corrected that Winston Clark is a member of the PC; he is a non-voting member but a member all the same.

John Webber added that he did not feel like the volunteers were being listened to, and would like a survey sent to every person that makes a pledge.

Dawn Dorcas repeated the reply given by Winston Clark at an earlier BoT meeting. Winston was not given a detailed list of established precedents when he became station manager. A survey to donors will be included in future fund drives.

John Webber inquired about the plan to evaluate the new program schedule. Les Mattis reflected on Brinton Baker's reply to this question at the PC meeting - the PC will use every means at its disposal. Ideas on how to evaluate the new program schedule are welcome.

Rose Brown reflected that this type of program scheduled changes has never been done in the last 20 years. Mistakes were made and we learned from them.

Dawn Dorcas read three statements:

> "Winston, I am unable to attend the BoT meeting where the new Program Schedule will be voted on, but I fully support the schedule the Program Committee released on March 3 and my vote would be for it. Regards, David Barnes"

"Hi, Winston – Sorry I won't be able to attend the meeting. But I fully endorse the new programming schedule as posted by Brinton Baker as of March 3. I look forward to hearing the new schedule go into effect on March 18. Cheers, David Dann"

"Dear Members of the Board of Trustees, I am unable to attend the Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday march 9, due to a prior commitment. In any event I feel I should abstain from any vote regarding programming that involves my show, *Retro Radio*, as it might appear that I am promoting my own special interest. WJFF's bylaws give the Programming Committee the responsibility and right to make changes in WJFF's broadcast schedule, and I strongly support and applaud the difficult work they have done here. Best regards, Steve Van Benschoten"

Motion made to accept and implement the PC's proposes Program Schedule effective March 19th for WJFF Radio Catskill by Robert Rosengard, and seconded by Michael Propst. In favor – all. Opposed –none.

Dawn Dorcas presented the exclusion of executive officers from Worker's Compensation Coverage.

Motion made that WJFF's Executive Officers on the Board of Trustees (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be excluded from New York State Worker' Compensation coverable, as provided in Section 54, Subdivision 6 of the New York Workers' Compensation Law by Dawn Dorcas, and seconded by Lisa Lyons. In favor – all. Opposed – none.

Lisa Lyons will follow up with Steve Van Benschoten in regards to the fund raising letter.

Questions and Comments from the Public.
None at this time.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm by Robert Rosengard, and seconded by Michael Propst. In favor–all. Opposed-none.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Anne Dorcas
Secretary