WJFF PROGRAM COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 16, 2013 (adopted June 19, 2013)

PRESENT: Julia Greenberg, Donna Colavito, Graham Rice, Edie Downs, Dick Riseling
ABSENT: John Gordon
STAFF: Adam Weinreich
GUESTS: Steve Richter, Barbara Gref, Kevin Gref, Brinton Baker

Public Meeting:
Graham motioned to appoint Julia as Chair for the meeting, seconded by Donna. All in favor.

Edie motioned to appoint Donna Secretary for the meeting, seconded by Graham. All in favor.

Dick made a motion to accept the Minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting, seconded by Graham. All in favor. Discussed recording of minutes and all agreed that PC minutes, on a prospective basis, should: document decisions; identify dissenting members to any decisions; summarize topics discussed, summarize discussions between station manager and hosts, and include comments made by the public (whether anonymous or requesting to be identified.)

Public/Volunteer Comment: Steve Richter commended the PC for its willingness to listen to the concerns of community members at its last meeting on April 15, 2013. During discussion about new PC members, Barbara Gref expressed an interest in having a high number of non-programmers on the PC and also later in the meeting objected to vote to go into Executive Session.

Correspondence:
Barbara Nimri Aziz - Support to bring FSRN and As It Happens back
Jason Dole - Making Waves and PC in general
Barbara McAlpern - Request to stop shuffling schedule

Brief discussion about letters received and calls to WJFF Voice Box. It was decided that Adam will returns calls if/when people leave a call back number.

Old Business:

- **New Members** – Discussed the need to try and get some non-programmers as well as younger members. Julia suggested we should personally send the Expressions of Interest form to anyone who seems interested.
- **Picking a Chair** – After brief discussion, all agreed may be premature to designate of chair due the need for more PC members. To be visited at a later meeting.

New Business:

- **Community Meeting About Role of PC –** After discussion, agreement was reached that this meeting should not be restricted to just the PC, but rather a meeting about WJFF governance as a whole. Suggested ideas to cover at meeting included overview of volunteer handbook, role of PC and its responsibilities, discussion of By-laws, monthly summary to BOT –vs- Minutes (to be discussed at a later date), etc. Suggested time frame for the meeting would be sometime in the fall.

- **Cooperage Reading Series –** Monthly reading 1 – 1 ½ hrs, may need editing, Adam will explore and get a recording of one event to discuss.
- **Classic Con Brio –** Currently running Chicago Symphony in its place, while awaiting demo/final board training from Mark Schulgasser. Graham motioned to formally approve running Chicago Symphony until then, Julia seconded. All in favor.
- **Bluegrass Review** – Graham will send around show to listen to.
- **Gift of Peace –** Anna Gallo is interested in acting as a short-term substitute host. Adam will contact Lisa and facilitate a conversation between them. Adam will contact Anna and request that she do a demo and forward to him. Donna motioned to formally approve the plan, Julia seconded. All in favor.
- **Piano Jazz w/Jon Weber –** Brief discussion with respect to using as a replacement for Jazz Profiles. Julia motioned to approved, Donna seconded. All in favor.
- **Retro Radio –** Brief discussion, reruns –vs- possible replacement (RadioLab). Julia motioned to use reruns through May 26th and then RadioLab as a replacement, Dick seconded. All in favor. Promo to go on website, Facebook, etc.
- **Crosscurrents –** Continue running Midnight Special for now.
- **Democracy Now –** Profanity. After discussion on if/how PC should respond, Graham motioned that we send a letter stating praise for Democracy Now, but taking issues with foul language, Donna seconded. Adam to draft letter and send to PC for review. Julia supports pending review.
- **Show Reviews** – General –vs- Executive Session. Discussion on how best to conduct show reviews, conflicting viewpoints on how best to proceed, awaiting final clarification from attorney on discrepancy between CPB and NFCB guidelines, also awaiting decision on policy from Board of Trustees.

Executive Session:
A motion was made by Graham to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Donna. (Yes - Graham, Donna, Edie), (No - Dick, Julia).

- **Jim Huntington's show proposal – Workshift** was discussed. Adam will work with Jim to address points raised by PC. Julia motioned for a 1 month trial, once/week during Performance Today, Graham seconded. All in favor.
- **Spanglish** – Find Spanish speaking people to review. Discussion with respect to adding news, request for time –slot change to be held at a later date.
- **Music Emporium** –Adam to discuss PC comments and recommendations with Kusar Grace.
- **Open Mic** – Adam awaiting response from host to PC comments and recommendations from last Open Mic show.
- **FSRN** – Based on listener feedback and discussion, Julia made a motion, seconded by Dick to return FSRN to the air, pending recommendation from Adam on where to put in the schedule. All in favor. PC will discuss where to insert in the schedule at our next meeting.

Julia motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by Dick. All in favor.

The next meeting of the Program Committee will be Wed, June 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm.