

## **Northwest PEG-TV**

Northwest PEG-TV Monthly Meeting

July 17, 2023

Minutes

**Present for a quorum:** Bryce Bachelder, Angela Bernard, Joe Halko, Virginia Holiman, Joyce Kemp, Wesley Kempton

**Administrators/Staff:** Paul Snyder, Josh Prior, Alan Cunningham

**Absent:** Tim Stetson, Dino Patsouris

**Visitors:** Bill Young

### **1. Call to Order**

Bryce Bachelder called the meeting to order at 5:05

### **2. Changes or Adjustments to Agenda**

### **3. Approval of Minutes 5/15/2023 – Joe Halko made a motion to accept the minutes from the 5/15/2023 meeting. Angela Bernard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

### **4. Technology Report** – Alan Cunningham updated the board on the outdoor graduation streams staff covered. Esports Club has started back up for the summer along with a video game show produced by Alan and local producer Darren Quick. This will be an eight-week series. Alan is hoping to make Northwest Access TV a hub location for local high schools to compete and practice for Esports on a statewide level now that Esports is a VPA sanctioned varsity sport. There is still unknown by the local schools whether there will be interest from students. Alan C. shared the Northwest Nightmares kick off at the Rail City Fan Fest in June. Alan was able to meet a lot of people to educate them on the upcoming film festival including teachers from across the state. Alan C. told the board about his work putting together the green screen wall light purchased in June. Bill Young, local producer, approved the light from his work in the control room.

### **5. Programming Report** – Josh Prior mentioned in the time he's been in the role as Programming Coordinator he has seen a major uptick in media creation interest. Josh P. shared with the board his new series with friend Alex Foltz, a local painter, who traveled around Franklin County to paint 12 different scenes. **Wesley Kempton arrived.** Josh P. fielded questions from the board about the series.

### **6. Treasurer's Report** – There was no Treasurer's Report this month due to the transition of accountants.

### **7. Executive Director's Report** – Starting off with financials, Paul Snyder announced Northwest Access TV paid off its loan of the building to Peoples Trust Company. The financial outlook still looks healthy for the rest of 2023 and 2024. For statewide news,

VAN had its request included in the state budget but still waiting on the Governor's signature. If approved, Northwest Access TV will see upwards of \$42,000 in additional funding this fall. Paul S. may also need to switch boards for VAN because of the financial logistics of receiving statewide funding. Paul S. also mentioned the funding could fall under the Secretary of State's budget and the funding would be approved without the Governor's consent. The long-term funding is still in the works but no new news on that front given the summer. A couple new videographers have joined the staff which is needed given the number of events that have increased. Promos are underway for Northwest Nightmares, ACM-NE Video Festival, and sports. Paul S. is excited to get started on the summer projects.

## **8. New Business**

- a. **New Staff Members** – Paul S. shared that two people have reached out for videographer work including a media loving community member moving to the area and a fresh-out-of-college resident of Bakersfield. Paul S. is excited to see if that person will be able to cover the Eastern side of the county to limit travel among the staff.
- b. **New Accountant Update** – Paul S. shared the exciting news that Northwest Access TV has a new bookkeeper and accountant. Paul S. mentioned he reached out to MGTV Associates to ask about being switched to a new accountant but the company decided to drop Northwest Access TV instead of providing adequate customer service. TABS Inc. is the new bookkeeper based out of St. Albans. Paul S. is excited to have a local company take on the books for the organization. Paul S. has already had a positive experience with communication and questions/concerns after only a couple weeks. There was an issue with the transition on MGTV's side so MGTV had to perform one more payroll period before TABS Inc. officially took over.
- c. **Public Comment** – No public comment

## **9. Old Business**

- a. **Treasurer Search Continues** – The position is still vacant. Paul S. did reach out to a potential candidate but has not heard back yet. The board discussed possibly just filling the vacant board seat as opposed to finding a specific Treasurer candidate. The seat has been vacant for 10 months.

## **10. Executive Session** – Not required

## **11. Adjourn** – Joe H. made the motion to adjourn. Joyce K. seconded the motion. Bryce Bachelder adjourned the meeting at 5:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Snyder, Executive Director

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**Tim Stetson, President**

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**Wesley Kempton**

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**Bryce Bachelder, Vice President**

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**Joe Halko**

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**Virginia Holiman, Secretary**

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**Angela Bernard**

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**Dino Patsouris**

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**Joyce Kemp**