

MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL NEXT SUBSEQUENT MEETING

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS
CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 27, 2010
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. Present: Kaye Gmur, Jason Tadlock and Jim Salter. Absent: Susie Weiss and Dave Wyttenbach. Also Present: Tom O'Brien New Glarus School District Technology Coordinator and Administrator Nicholas Owen.

AGENDA: Motion by Kaye Gmur to approve the agenda as presented, second by Jason Tadlock. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Kaye Gmur to approve the minutes of the 2/22/10 meeting, second by Jason Tadlock. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASES: Tom O'Brien updated the group that he purchased two reasonably priced DVR units and will likely need to purchase a switch that helps with the transfer of video.

DISCUSSION ON TOWN CONTRACTING FOR RECORDING MEETINGS: Tom O'Brien has taped one board meeting and is working on compressing it to post to the web. He is having difficulty due to the length of the meeting. The Town is also feels the \$50 a month to share the cost of the internet posting site is too expensive.

REPORT FROM TOM O'BRIEN ON EVENTS BEING RECORDED: Two students will be taking photos and film at Community/Music Fest for the access channel. Kaye Gmur added that she feels the festivals would be willing to provide some funding towards the student's time. Jim Salter added that the Youth Vision Committee may be willing to provide a grant for this since it is for student education. Kaye Gmur will put together a list of things for the students to video/photograph and a list of Vision's volunteers to talk to.

CHAMBER REQUEST FOR RECORDING: Tom O'Brien is still working out the details with the chamber.

DISCUSSION ON QUALITY OF VILLAGE MEETING RECORDINGS: There have been some concerns with the softness of the audio with the recordings. Tom O'Brien will work on an alternate microphone set up.

ADJOURN: Motion by Kaye Gmur to adjourn, second by Jason Tadlock. Motion carried. Time: 6:15 p.m.

Administrator Nicholas Owen

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS
CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 22, 2010
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Present: Kaye Gmur, Susie Weiss and Dave Wytttenbach. Absent: Jason Tadlock and Jim Salter. Also Present: Tom O'Brien New Glarus School District Technology Coordinator and Administrator Nicholas Owen.

AGENDA: Motion by Dave Wytttenbach to approve the agenda as presented, second by Susie Weiss. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Susie Weiss to approve the minutes of the 8/24/09 meeting, second by Dave Wytttenbach. Motion carried.

2010 Budget Plan: Hardware upgrade for video players and other Equipment Needs: Tom O'Brien reported that one of the video players used for broadcasting video onto the cable access channel was not working. O'Brien stated there are three options; buying a new video recording unit for \$1,000, buying a digital system for \$7,000 or buying compatible DVD players for \$20 each to make the current system work. Due to uncertainty of the cable franchise money and budget constraints the consensus of the committee was to have O'Brien purchase DVD players and replacement of the recorder would be reconsidered at a future time.

Internet Posting of Village Board Meetings: Tom O'Brien provided a handout showing the number of times that the Village Board meetings have been viewed off the website. The Town of New Glarus and Chamber of Commerce have also expressed interest in having meetings and festivals recorded for streaming. If additional partners are available the Village can either charge them to share in the cost of the streaming site or upgrade the amount of space for storage to improve the quality of the streaming. O'Brien will research the cost of additional storage space.

Consideration of Types of Events Cable Access Channel will pay to have recorded: In 2009 the Cable TV budget ran out of funds for recording events. With the new procedure for recording the Village Board meetings this may not be an issue in 2010. The Committee discussed the possibility of seeking a donation from those interested in having events recorded for events longer than 1 hour. Kaye Gmur suggested looking into applying for a New Glarus Youth Vision Committee or Community Foundation grant to fund recording community events.

ADJOURN: Motion by Susie Weiss to adjourn, second by Dave Wytttenbach. Motion carried. Time: 6:17 p.m.

Administrator Nicholas Owen

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