



RPI TV Meeting Minutes

22 September 2009

Officers Present

Mike DiTore, Scott Altman, Dan Falkenstrom, Brian Michalski, Reilly Hamilton, Kyle Mackenzie, Colin Sullivan, John Isabella, Sean Andrese, Thomas Falls

Members Present

Andrew Armenia, Kayla Baltunis, Raymond Colon, Charlie Emala, Matthias Galvin, Rob Humphreys, Ryan Kemper, Gabriel Malveaux, Robert McDonald, Tiffany Milano, Alexandra Niaura, Zachary Rowe, Mackenzie Sullivan, Andrew Tamoney, Holden Tseeng

Non-Members Present

Patrick Buford

Mike calls the meeting to order at 9:37. Our first order of business is the "Doughnut Fund". The bad news is that we have run out of money for doughnuts and other food for our meetings. The good news is that we have started a doughnut fund! We will not be keeping track of who is donating, but there is a suggested donation of \$10/semester or \$1/doughnut. We will be keeping track of the amount of money spent on doughnuts to ensure that RPI TV does not make a profit off of this fund.

This past Saturday was Football vs. Utica at ECAV, and it went very well. We have gotten a good grasp on how to operate at this new facility, and hopefully by next week we will have the ability to broadcast live to campus cable channel 6.

Holden says that our most recent news production is 91.3% done. The anchor segment will be filmed tonight, and hopefully it will be online tomorrow morning. Dan and Holden (as well as some others) have been working very hard on this news segment, and Holden mentions that Haris Khan has been very helpful as a Student Senate resource. Dan says that at our business meetings, we could generate ideas of possible news stories, and we will take this list of generated ideas to a weekly "news meeting" where they will be discussed and planned out thoroughly. If any member sees something that is newsworthy or exciting, they should send out an email to the news list. In the future we will be working on setting up a "Google Voice" account, so there will be a phone number that will contact whichever officer is available.

This past Wednesday we shot "Elf Project" at Wednesday Night Live, which was a great show. We are waiting for the final audio mix from WRPI, at which point the production will be posted online.

Holden asks about the status of our equipment policy, as we were supposed to vote on it this week. Unfortunately it was unable to be prepared for the members' viewing by tonight, so we will send it out this week and vote on it next week.

Brian says that the Student Senate meeting today went great, and that Tiffany and Alex did a great job operating the cameras.

This Friday, we will be filming Cultural Pride Night in the McNeil room at 7:30pm. We will be meeting at the RPI TV closet at 4:30pm. This is a fun event to shoot; there will be much dancing, as well as musical performances. The Capoeira club, RPI Ballroom dancing, and many other clubs will be performing. Depending on our crew and the available space in the room, we may use 3-4 cameras.

Our first hockey game will be on Saturday, it is Women's Hockey starting at 4:00p. We will be meeting at 12:30 at the RPI TV room in the Union.

Mike explains RPI TV's distribution structure for productions. Senate meetings, and a few other productions (on occasion) are streamed live on UStream (for free), which is an ad-supported service. Sports games get streamed live (not for free) on B2 networks, a company which RPI has a contract with. Most productions get posted on rpitv.org, for streaming after the production has occurred. We also broadcast both live and pre-produced productions on campus cable channel 6. Another method of distribution is through DVD. DVDs can be purchased from the club for \$10. In the past with productions like the Dance Recital which includes many participants, we have sold up to 30 DVDs.

There will be no Wednesday Night Live this week, but we will be filming a live band next week.

Trigs asks if we have ever filmed Ground Zero's "Open Mic Night". We have not, mainly because of the poor lighting conditions and lack of space to place tripods in the audience.

Scott on operations: We've ordered a few new pieces of equipment recently, a tripod and a server. The tripod is working well, the server is currently non-functional due to "scsi drivers not working", Andrew Armenia is working on the issue. This server will take over some encoding tasks which we currently use our Mac for, allowing us to free up the Mac, as well as archiving of old productions. Our plan is to vote on the new equipment policy next week.

Brian says that everyone should use hand sanitizer, and wash their hands properly. If you are not sure how to wash your hands properly, you should go to hr.rpi.edu.

Charlie asks if the club has ever considered filming a "Sheer Idiocy" production, which is a sketch-comedy group on campus. If we did film this production, we may have to edit some profanity out.

Mathias asks if we have ever considered filming any of the “RPI Players” productions, and the reason we have not is because most of the productions are copyrighted, and we would need the permission of the playwright.