

RPI TV Business Meeting 2010-04-13

Recording Secretary Michael DiTore

Officers Present:

Reilly Hamilton, John Isabella, Kyle Mackenzie, Tiffany Milano, James Petranik, Zachary Rowe, Andrew Tamoney

Members Present:

Patric Buford, Lydia Campis, Michael DiTore, Daniel Falkenstrom, Mathias Galvin, Brian Michalski

President Reilly Hamilton begins the meeting at 9:37PM, after retrieving a podium from the Union Balcony.

First of all: Last Friday, Reilly Hamilton and Mathias Galvin filmed Arsenic and Old Lace at West Hall. It was very interesting (perhaps the most interesting players production the club has filmed yet). Some DVDs sales are expected.

Saturday was Accepted Students Day. Alexandra Niaura produced the event, RPI TV got to show off their craft, and lots of 2014's and their parents showed interest and got to play with stuff.

Later on Saturday, one camera (in two spots) filmed parts of the Ballroom Dance Competition. Footage will be made available. Reilly says that this production is low-priority. Apparently, this doesn't mean that it's not important.

Saturday evening was the Mozart Requiem Concert. Reilly says this was RPI TV's first opportunity to get into EMPAC into over a year [*Note: this is false.*] Kyle Mackenzie claims that the video has been downconverted and is in post-production. Reilly makes the [*dubious*] claim that this was the real crown jewel of the weekend. Work on the production (including attempts to include of some blown highlights, which may or may not be possible) is ongoing. Once the DVD printer is here, the club will begin producing DVDs, regardless of the final touch-up work.

Zach Rowe asks whether the crew will be required to dress up for events in the future [*crew for the Requiem Concerto was required to dress nicely for the positions that they would be holding*].

A query as to whether the club will be facilitating the purchase of polos in the near future? Reilly requests a poll of whether there is interest outside of the executive committee in polos. Of course there is.

GM Week has seen a good amount of RPI TV coverage, including candidate speeches, which are available in two places on the RPI TV website. Reilly claims that it is exciting to play them all at once

and turn up the volume. (Demonstration ensues). Credit is given for those who helped put up the videos. "Stop! Stop! Stop Talking!" says Mr. Hamilton. It turned out that these comments were directed at his laptop computer.

Reilly says that the GM and PU Candidate Primary Debates were on Saturday. They went particularly well, although there are audio problems throughout the production, especially near the beginning. The video has been posted regardless. Brian Michalski informs the club that this production was the real crown jewel of the weekend. It was also free.

Andrew Tamoney and Mike DiTore filmed the Miss RPI Pageant earlier this very evening. Mackenzie Sullivan participated in the event, and Tiffany Milano provided moral support to the crew. The audio was terrible, but the production is expected to come out alright.

Brian Zaik, the moderator of both debates, will be raising the bar for this Wednesday's Final Candidate Debates.. Brian Michalski praises Mr. Zaik's consistency. Reilly says that Mr. Zaik was very angry during the debates. Mr. Zaik has been performing research by reviewing past United States Presidential Debates. Someone comments that Jim Lehrer looks like a turtle.

Mr. Hamilton reveals that there will be a 'stupid' graphical element (or amazing, or stupidly amazing, according to several members) ready at the first opportunity for a closeup of Rules and Election Committee Chair Haris Kahn during this Wednesday's debates. More relevantly, Brian Michalski notes that unlike Saturday's debates, Wednesday's debate

Mr. Michalski provides, in his capacity as Vice Chair of Rules and Elections Committee, the opinion that there are unlikely to be six candidates. Mr. Michalski encourages all members to try to help out, and all those who are unable to attend to watch online at <http://www.rpitv.org>.

The crew for the debates will meet at 11:00 am at the RPI TV Office. Daniel Falkenstrom will be there at 7:00 AM camping out.

Reilly says that the setup seemed a little rushed on Sunday. The members determine that the cause for this was lots of tasks waiting for the last minute. Several suggestions are made, but it is agreed that. Mr. Michalski, producer for the event, ensures the club that the production will be taken care of.

Facebook says there will be 400 people there. *[It later surfaced out that this statistic was fabricated by Mr. Michalski].*

Mr. Hamilton has difficulty getting out the words to express the timeline for the debates.. He spends some time explaining to the club his confusion. Few pay attention. The recording secretary takes the opportunity to clarify that the crew will meet at 11:00 AM, the event begins at 2:00 PM, and the event is slated to end by 4:00 PM.

Lydia Campis, Daniel Falkenstrom, Tiffany Milano, Zachary Rowe, Andrew Tamoney, and Reilly Hamilton all volunteer to participate in the production. *[It was later determined that Mackenzie Sullivan may also be joining the crew].*

Mr. Michalski has a new technique for making the debates look good, but this remains a secret. There may be a CDTA sign at the debates, and there will be an RPI TV sign. The sign may be on the floor, or on the ceiling, and corresponding camera angles ("Blimp cam" or "God cam", respectively) are considered for use. CDTA will be bringing pizza. The pizza may or may not be delivered by a bus.

James Petranik offers some comments on last week's debates. There was a lot of noise from the mezzanine surrounding the Rensselaer Union McNeil room. The noise from the individuals on the mezzanine may have been distracting to the debates. There are some potential solutions to the noise, though it is unclear whether there are future productions planned for which it will be an issue. Policy, technical, and political solutions were discussed.

The Senate meeting this past Monday went well, as always, Mr. Michalski reports. Andrew Tamoney, Michael DiTore, and Scott Altman were able to complete the setup, and the filming went similarly well.

The crew for the RPA Drag Show will meet at 4:30 on Friday, in the RPI TV office. The event starts at 7:00 PM in the West Hall Auditorium. RPI TV has filmed this event four or five times in the past. It usually sells four or five DVDs, when produced successfully.

Tiffany Milano, Lydia Campis, Andrew Tamoney, James Petranik will volunteer for the event. Kyle will attend dependent on his life status. Reilly Hamilton will also be in attendance.

Muellenberg (or Mullenberg) Field Hockey vs. RPI will be held at the ECAV stadium on Friday at 1:00. Crew will meet at the RPI TV office at 10:00 AM. It is senior night for the team. Sean says that the RPI team is now ranked fifteenth in the country. Reilly says that hopefully Andrew Armenia will be there with his scoreboard program. Approximately 15 people remind him that Andrew has the replay, not scoreboard program. Rob Humphreys will be providing the scoreboard software.

Sean Andrese, Lydia Campis, Matthias Galvin, James Petranik, Andrew Tamoney, and Reilly Hamilton volunteer.

Miss Milano suggests that a news crew cover the "hatting" of the GM. She then proceeds to begin the Operations Committee Report.

Tiffany says that we found that damn tripod plate. She later corrects that Tamoney found that damn tripod plate. *[In fact, it was Mr. DiTore, Mr. Michalski, and Mr. Altman that found the tripod plate and planned to return it. Despite the claims of the president, they had not been previously made aware that said equipment was even missing].*

Some members wonder why those who knew that the tripod plate was missing didn't check the tripod. Evidently, they all assumed someone else had checked it. Mr. Falkenstrom tells Miss Milano that she knows what happens when you assume. Miss Milano says that yep, Reilly's an ass.

Zachary Rowe proceeds with the Station Manager's Report. He expresses enthusiasm that the tripod plate has been found.

The Business Manager, Kyle Mackenzie, reports that the Dymo Disc Painter has been purchased. Mr. Hamilton instructs Mr. Mackenzie to tell the membership that the funds came from the sale of DVDs this year.

Dan Falkenstrom wants a Bob Ross Disc Painter.

Mr. Hamilton claims that he's been pushing this as part of RPI TV's corporate rebranding strategy. No one takes this seriously.

Reilly says that RPI TV has vowed to include insert pages with its DVDs. [*Note: it is unclear whether RPI TV make a vow*]. Also suggested for inclusion with DVDs are also intercom audio tracks, and essays. Tiffany is reminded of a comment directed at a Clarkson goalie during the intercom system. "Cute little sieve," she called him.

Missing club funds have been found. Kyle Mackenzie, Business Manager, had it all along. Kyle blames Reilly. [*An unlikely-sounding chain of events was presented as evidence but did not contain sufficient logic for inclusion in the minutes*].

The Business manager, Public Relations Manager, and recording secretary of Saturday's executive meeting all decline to make a report or are absent. Upon further query, Saturday's recording secretary, Mr. Falkenstrom, elaborates that the executive committee meeting included a lot of yelling, and Dan's orange-eating was delayed by an hour and a half. Reilly says that it was the longest executive board meeting in history. Brian claims that that is highly unlikely, but judges that it would be best not to disclose details, as executive committee meetings were formerly closed to the public.

Mr. Tamoney enquires as to whether Mr. Michalski is the Judicial Board. Mr. Michalski defers his response to a later date.

Mr. Tamoney next reports that though there was a low turnout of submission for the RPI TV GM Week Film Festival. This may be partially due to two other film festivals being run simultaneously. Still, there will be some viewing of content on midweek.

Kyle Mackenzie suggests a \$400 4-slice toaster as a prize.

Original Content Manager Mackenzie Sullivan declines to make a report. "Not too much" is going on, she says.

Sean Andrese begins the sports report. He reports that the Men's Lacrosse is this Saturday. He is then cut off by Mr. Hamilton, who attempts to move discussion to events.

Mr. Andrese continues with his report regardless. Rob Humphreys is completing a scoreboard overlay program for Lacrosse, based on the Hockey scoreboard.

James reports that this was an excellent weekend for events. Upcoming events include debates, Urine Town,

Mr. Mackenzie shows Miss Milano a pink toaster. She proclaims that we need that toaster.

Mr. Hamilton says that we're talking about news. However, the club is actually still talking about the toaster.

Mr. Tamoney seeks assistance editing a news segment. Mathias Galvin volunteers. Mr. Hamilton says that the computer will be tied up after the debates. Mr. Tamoney says that the completion is pending.

Mr. Michalski asks about progress on the bin restricting decision. At the Vice President of Operations's request, Mr. Michalski will write something up. Miss Milano reinforces the necessity of doing something soon.

Apparently, the club's presiden dislikes VHS tapes. (This is not immediately evident due to the use of the acronym "DVD" in place of "VHS".) He wants them gone, but many members expresses disagreement with his sentiment.

Mr. Hamilton asks if there are comments on other matters. Mr. Petranik reports that he discovered an RPI TV XLR cable among UPAC equipment. The club is outraged at first, but it is determined that this was just a mixup. Mr. Michalski informs everyone the cable has been missing for months and months, and its return is a relief to the crew of the Student Senate meetings.

Discussion is ended by president Reilly Hamilton at 10:14

After the meeting ends, member Robert McDonald arrives for a recap. During this summary, Daniel Falkenstrom provides an artful analogy as a summary: the meeting is likened to old ladies at a sewing circle running out of thread.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael DiTore
Recording Secretary