

RPI TV Business Meeting

2011-09-27

Officers Present: Reilly Hamilton, Tiffany Milano, Ben Vreeland

Directors Present: Andrew Armenia, Matthias Galvin, Michael Zwack

Members Present: Matt Peteritis, Andrew Brezovsky, Will Kelly, Meng Jung Lin, Caleb Hoffman, Brett Saito

Meeting called to order ~9:07pm.

Women's hockey was this past weekend. It went really well considering that the crew was largely new and it was our first production in the field house. This weekend Reilly hopes to get more crew involved and use more cameras. The production will be online as soon as the Mac is not tied up autorendering. Ben notes that Final Cut was trying to be "helpful" in autorendering Sheer Idiocy. Tiffany, Matthias and Reilly start discussing the "merits" of Final Cut X.

Matthias asks if we have CS5 for the Mac. Reilly wants to get 6 but it won't be out for a while, but he notes that there will be a discussion in the near future regarding the future of editing equipment in RPI TV. CS5 and CS5.5 can do AVCHD but CS4 cannot.

Ben reports that Sheer Idiocy went very well. They were satisfied with the results and the data has been cleared off the Mac. It was a good show and one of them called Ben a hero for providing a means for his grandparents to watch. Ben and Jerry's was not obtained following the filming but Kenley provided some the next day for Ben and myself.

CSSA also happened; the novelty wore off at the second or third hour. A girl walked on stage and randomly "whipped out" a tentacle and "started flapping it around." Most of the raffle numbers were read in English, although Ben thinks his was the one that they didn't read in English. He has some rational basis to believe this, but he didn't want to go up on stage and claim the prize. It's on video, so we can double check. Some video had to be deleted from the second camera because the SD cards filled up. Members are reminded to check that they have enough card capacity before embarking on productions, but in this case the request didn't specify the length correctly so it's their fault. Matthias asks if we bill overtime for these situations but it's a general-interest production so we won't. In case of paid productions this would be different. Reilly asks if there are moon pies left. I note that I've left one in 1812 and a few people express interest. Reilly notes that he saw moon pies at the Asian supermarket and they are about \$13 a box. Ben thinks they don't taste very good but Kenley disagrees. We didn't get a Price Chopper gift card, but they thanked RPI TV and mentioned that they planned on buying about 5 DVDs.

Men's hockey vs. Acadia is this weekend. Merriam is injured so Scott Diebold, who was at RPI TV NRB, will be starting. Apparently, he told Tiffany that he had a girlfriend when Tiffany tried to retrieve a lapel mic during the player interviews. During the interview Mr. Diebold noted that his weight was listed at 175 lbs but he's barely 140 soaking wet. The third string goalie might play given certain circumstances. Acadia is not to be confused with Acacia, or Arcadia. The production will be similar to women's hockey, but with more fighting and aggression in the game, and more people in the crowd. We hope to have a large crew this weekend. The game will be on Saturday at 7:00pm; setup will begin at 4:00pm. Meeting will be at the office.

Volunteers: Matthias Galvin, Tiffany Milano, Matt Peteritis, Andrew Brezovsky, Candy Lin, Ben Vreeland, Caleb Hoffman, Brett Saito, Will Kelly, Reilly Hamilton, James Wittel, Charlie Emala

Next weekend is a double-header hockey weekend vs. Minnesota. The HD switcher should almost certainly be in. We will be setting up the control room and leaving it there, so we just need to set up and break down cameras every day. There is some discussion about the hole on the catwalk through which the penalty box can be viewed; this is mistaken for innuendo. Press passes will be handed out. The catwalk camera will likely be a PDX10 because it's easier to get into the hole. Andrew B will be scalping his season tickets because RPI TV will be getting him in for free.

There's a football game going on that weekend as well. We'll be playing that by ear as the HD stuff shows up.

Swag Shuttle: Reilly bought Christmas lights for his van, including a 4' x 6' twinkling grid, and two strands of blue and red to signify correct and incorrect answers. Reilly's cigarette lighter doesn't work, though, so this will need to be fixed first. Reilly also bought a light diffuser so the Christmas lights can be diffused. Trivia also needs to be collected. There may be a joke episode where all the answers are Shirley Ann Jackson, or we may put one question with that answer in every episode. Tiffany suggests getting questions from IPAC, which Matt says is a cubby with two tables. Kenley notes that this room is hidden in the Quad hallway. Reilly will ask them for questions. People will be yelling out the window at people on the street. There may be a chase vehicle with camerapeople in it. Brett has "broadcast" quality walkie-talkies with earpieces. The driver will be hearing the questions from someone in the chase car and just asking them. People will also be able to make cell phone calls for 15 seconds... this means graphics. Once we have it figured out, we can do it repeatedly. Anyone with a driver's license can be a host!

Also in creative productions, Matthias talks about doing sketch comedy on Wednesday nights and then filming Wednesday Night Live with the same crew. This could be combined into one production. Brett wants a projector so that the RPI PD episode can be screened; this should wait until next week so elections can proceed.

Tiffany: Nothing to report.

Ben: Ben has been doing productions and thus has no business to report.

Andrew: Replay-based highlights work.

Open Floor: Brett suggests that we end the meeting before 1/2 hour passes.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 pm.

Elections Meeting opened: 9:30 pm.

Everyone has voting rights except Kenley, Will, and Andrew Armenia. Members must attend 3 meetings and 2 events for new members, and 2 meetings and 2 events for standing members.

Up for election are Productions Manager, Facilities and Equipment Manager, and Secretary. Nominations can be made for anyone, even those who aren't here. Those who are nominated will give speeches and answer questions. Then the vote will be conducted by secret ballot. The votes will be counted and the result will be announced.

The Productions Manager oversees productions from service request to delivery. He or she responds to service requests, presents productions before the Executive Committee, and wraps things up with the producer. He or she is generally responsible for keeping track of the status of productions.

Andrew B asks about Executive Committee meetings, which are at 9:00pm Mondays and run for 1 to 1.5 hours. The committee pretends to do stuff, and generally has fun. Officers get keys, but only if they're Equipment Supervisors. Officers must attend all meetings if possible; it's expected that they be invested in the club.

The Facilities and Equipment Manager's duties include keeping inventory of equipment, organizing facilities, and coordinating equipment repair. Other duties such as data storage may also fall under the purview of this position; RPI TV data storage facilities are currently a disaster so this could be one of the biggest responsibilities as noted by Matthias. The F.E.M. is also responsible for tracking equipment access levels.

The Secretary is a somewhat thankless position because he or she has no vote. Reilly says my minutes (and his own) are interesting but Dan Falkenstrom's were the best. Tiffany disagrees, asserting that Colin Sullivan's were the best. Kenley claims Haris's were. The Secretary is also responsible for managing the club mailing lists and working with the F.E.M. on keeping track of equipment privileges.

Now questions will be taken about the positions. There are none.

Nominations for Productions Manager are being taken. Andrew Brezovsky nominates himself and Matt asks if he accepts. He does.

Andrew is a freshman right now and has attended as many events as possible because he appreciates the "atmosphere" at RPI TV events. He's kind of OCD (maybe sorta) so he can be good at managing events and keeping things organized.

Reilly asks Andrew how good he is at e-mail. Andrew checks it about three dozen times a day. Tiffany asks how comfortable Andrew is writing to people such as Norris Pearson (field house director) or others in similar positions. Andrew responds that he knows how to address such staffers as he's done so in job interviews and in high school. Ben notes that checking e-mail is an important habit for officers; Reilly notes that he could use some improvement in this area, as does Brett. Their issues seem to be connected to their smartphone uses. Tiffany asks for any more relevant questions; there are none.

We now discuss whether this should be a secret ballot since there is only one candidate. Ben wins and the ballots are passed out. Tiffany notes that "Andrew" will work on the ballots, everyone will know it's him and not me. But his last name is spelled B-R-E-Z-O-V-S-K-Y, because Brett cares. Tiffany is now collecting the ballots while others discuss the name "Brezovsky".

Andrew says to just write "B". Matthias suggests "BZ" but Ben notes that this conflicts with "Brian Zaik". Andrew can write his own name, or abstain. Andrew wins 7-0-2; he notes that he'll kill whoever voted against him. It's pointed out that no one did; we're all safe.

The Facilities and Equipment Manager position is now being discussed. Matt Peteritis nominates himself, and accepts. There are no more, so Matt begins his speech. Matt was in the AV club in high school; they ran a news show and had some equipment. He's interested in getting to know our equipment because their stuff kinda sucked. One of his jobs was organizing the hard drives: "it was long and boring but [he] did it."

Matthias asks if he's a neat freak. He claims to be.

Tiffany asks how he'll handle members breaking policy or throwing out trash in inappropriate receptacles. Matt posted "No Food and Drink" signs in the TV facilities in his high school. Zwack walks in and everyone notices. Matt would refer them to whoever is above him if there is a member that doesn't cooperate with policies. That is apparently Tiffany.

Matthias has another question: whether or not he will continue/set the precedent of *****. This question is deemed inappropriate.

Zwack is introduced as Director of Advancement; he's "advanced into other areas" and thus isn't always here.

Votes are being gathered; we'll now take nominations for Secretary. Reilly accuses me of typing aggressively; my keyboard is seven years old and works fine! No nominations seem to be forthcoming; Reilly notes that the position can remain vacant.

Matt Peteritis is elected Facilities and Equipment Manager by a vote of 7-0-2. The position of Secretary becomes vacant.

The Elections Meeting is closed at 9:51 pm, but everyone is welcome to mingle.