

# RPI TV Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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*September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

**Officers Present:** Reilly Hamilton (acting as Secretary), Tiffany Milano, Ben Vreeland

**Directors Present:** Andrew Armenia

**Members Present:** Brett Saito

Women's Hockey. Tiffany characterizes the production as "We did shit it was cool". We forgot a couple things, like the power bar, but overall setup when pretty well. A lesson for next time: always a bring a Studio Monitor so the control room can hear what's going on. Everyone was mostly pretty chill. We had trouble with color balance on the Z5 at camera 3. We believe it's related to the chronic yellowing problem that we had on the Z5s during winter/spring 2011. Tiffany thinks it looks like someone peed on the ice from that camera. Further testing is required.

We're discussing sun satting. "The sun sat". Someone tells me this is incorrect, and the past tense is "the sun set". I argue that this breaks grammatical convention, but I am proven wrong.

Sheer Idiocy happened on Friday night during Hockey. Ben helped set up at Hockey then headed to Sheer Idiocy. The Idiots called Ben a hero. Ben has been the personal personnel for the last three shows. Ben takes a lot of pride in this. They were quite pleased; it's edited and exported to the website already.

There's an interesting discussion about AVCHD workflows. AVCHD footage must be ingested to Apple Intermediate Codec (AIC). But FFmpeg can't decode AIC, so productions must be exported from Final Cut in either HDV (resolution loss) or MJPEG. After Ben exported the production in HDV, the Mac started auto-rendering Sheer Idiocy in AIC. Obnoxious, as it filled up the entire drive with useless render files.

SD Cards were dumped in the imports folder, and they are now empty. This will help at the next production. Ben used the boundary mics again and was excited about the quality. It is confirmed that the production exported, and is now being encoded.

More importantly: CSSA. It was supposed to run from 6:30 to 9:30. In actuality, it ran from 7:00 to 11:15. Holy shit. There were comedians. They took up a lot of time. Filled up the 32gig card for the main camera, and the other camera had been recoding some angles. There was a minor blip during raffle tickets and during one of the singing things. A graceful cross dissolve will fix that issue. We were gifted Mooncakes. Armenia didn't eat one, as he didn't want to eat lead, and had been soldering at the time. Brett wants to know if Armenia is going to die of lead poisoning. Armenia claims to be lead free. Ultradian is not RoHS compliant.

CSSA will buy 5-6 DVDs, possible more. They want to have them in about three weeks. We're going to pretend they said one week, as productions fall off the relevancy cliff after one or two weeks. Ben offers to do the show, and asks someone else to do the DVD. Reilly is the typical DVD guy.

Ben advocates for more orderly card dumping.

They read off raffle tickets. Ben thinks his card was called in Mandarin, but he doesn't speak it so he thinks he got cheated. CSSA by the end of the week.

Ben has an idea. Since we have Swag Shuttle copying Cash Cab, we could have Used Book Stars instead of Pawn Stars. Ben explains the concept of Pawn Stars to Brett. Reilly thinks we should involve Andy Clark in this production. Ben is very excited about the concept; it would require very minimal setup effort. Is this staged/scripted, or off the cuff? It could be either. We could involve PennText and whatever the other sketchy book van is. Tiffany and I have a discussion about human anatomy. Brett and Ben continue discussing Pawn Stars.

Reilly announced he purchased Christmas lights. Everyone is very excited about Reilly's flashy van. The cigarette lighter problem remains, however.

Men's Hockey. Switcher may or may not be in by then. Armenia to produce.

Tiffany will put a creepy baby on a poster in Reilly's room.

Ben has ring premiere to go to on Friday. Free T-Shirts are a main reason to attend an event. Watson will be demoed at RPI again on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and more T-Shirts will be given out.

Back on the topic of Hockey. Armenia offers to produce. Tiffany can't even think straight, and her baby boy is looking more disturbing by the minute. Something is seriously wrong with its skull.

We have a tentatively scheduled equipment cleanup from 9am to hockey on Saturday. Being hungover may be an issue for multiple people. The Career Fair and half of the alumni of RPI TV will be here, breeding a dangerous combination. We agree that this time no longer makes sense, and that equipment cleanup will be delayed until Sunday at 2pm, which should be a late-enough-in-the-afternoon-time.

The capstone group working on hockey boards wants us to do more slow motion stuff. Tiffany seems to think that we shouldn't do it this year. We're not entirely sure it's our responsibility. I'm not that enthusiastic about it, compared to last year. Tiffany mentions iEAR, but they don't have high speed cameras. We are definitely saying no. A vote is taken, fails 0-3-0.

The Military Appreciation game is at Andersen field in late October. Tiffany doesn't like guys in Uniform. Reilly does, but he doesn't say this out loud. Brett is suitemates with ROTCs. Tiffany does think we should shoot this to support the Military. Tiffany's brother's roommate was Navy ROTC, and he was very hot. Tiffany went on a date with him. He wants to live on a boat. Tiffany didn't want to have relations with a semen.

That same weekend is a double header with CoCo. It's conceivable we could leave the HD setup at the Field House and do some sort of bizarre post-edit football. We discuss the possibility of using a scissor lift. It would be awesome/dangerous. Tiffany offers to film it from her window; she has the perfect view. So what are we going to tell them? Tentatively yes if we have access to a scissor lift. We can't film it otherwise. Reilly worries this might set a precedent with Rugby. Tiffany says we're just doing it for the Navy and Air Force. We should ask them what they are wearing. The less clothes (less Uniforms from Tiffany's perspective) the likelier. Less pants too. Who wants to respond to them? We don't want Tiffany to. I will respond in her place, even though my opinion on the state of their pants is similar to hers. Tiffany complains about muscles as well.

Tiffany now describes her model as hot. I disagree completely. I give Tiffany a disgust/sorrow face. Tiffany tells me not to give her that look. Tiffany is really like, gone. "And Reilly is taking minutes about me talking about being sleepy."

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We begin discussing Prolog and functional programming. Ben gets shafted hard (with regard to amount of crib sheets allowed). Open internet in IT exams. --Redacted--

Reilly re-reads the minutes starting from the section about the Military Appreciation weekend. Ben gets the shaft but not the semen, it is clarified.

Alright, Brett wants us to talk about him. It's pointed out that unbounded executive meeting times lead to long meetings. Brett is antsy at an hour; we've done two hours before. --Redacted--. Tiffany is editing both sides of her mirrored boy's face.

Oh, shit, are we having elections tomorrow? Yes, we will. We know who's a voting member. An email will be sent regarding voter status. Reilly may or may not send it tonight.

Brett, what do you have for us? Brett is working on an independent study for next semester using a documentary on Players stuff. Brett is worried about legal issues involved with Dangerous Liaisons. As long as the play itself isn't showed in full there should be no issues. Players pay us because we can't release the product. We're paid for the service of filming it. Vreeland and Armenia think it won't be a legal issue. I agree.

Brett would probably request one camera with a boom mic out as often as he can on Tuesdays 6-8, Thursdays 7-8, Sundays 2pm on. Brett does not have key access. Some equipment has been used previously in class products, but it typically shouldn't be. The trouble is that if our cameras would be the linch-pin in Brett's independent study. The history of RPI TV equipment being used in school projects is discussed. They're mostly small / last-minute things. The conclusion that RPI TV should not equipmentally support Brett's non-RPI TV venture is reached, and the idea of making it an "RPI TV Production" solely for the sake of using equipment isn't the right way to go about things.

What are we doing tomorrow? GODDAMNIT, should we have food?

Having an elections meeting is called to a vote. Vote passes, 2-1, with Reilly voting against. Reilly doesn't feel there are enough voting members yet. There are 10, two of them are relinquished interest in RPI TV. He would rather wait a week to try and get that number to 14 or 15. Ben and Tiffany believe we should take care of things sooner rather than later.

Tomorrow's Business Meeting will be followed by an Elections Meeting for the three vacant positions. Do we want food? It's time for Pizza again. People like Pizza. Reilly will pull \$24 for pizzas from Martha. Reilly is also really hungry right now and wouldn't mind some pizza. Perhaps a stop at Bella is in order. \$3 for a Ziti pizza sounds really fucking good right now. Or do I want the Penne Alfredo? It will be a difficult conundrum. Maybe they won't have one of those two and then I won't have to decide. Oh, but Moe's is next door. And I do love Mexican food.

Hockey Pre-setup will not be listed on the calendar, but is tentatively scheduled for Friday afternoon.

Moe's is closing fairly soon, so I probably won't go if the meeting lasts much longer.

People who are not officers have been removed from the Google Calendar sharing features.

Ben continues through the agenda, but I'm pretty sure we've already covered everything important. Ben discusses it anyway. Ben says "I think we already discussed this" a lot as he goes down the Google Wave. The bottom stuff isn't pertinent, and never was.

Ben asks for topics before we declare this meeting closed. No one says anything. Meeting is over. Tiffany calls it "Good Meeting". Ben "ran" the meeting. Reilly and Tiffany were too tired.