

# Bisbee Radio Project Board Minutes

March 17 2021

**Call to order** at 5:38 PM. Meeting conducted via ZOOM. Attending: Joni Giacomino, Paul Tompkins, Stephen Nunn, Patrick Tilcock.

Notice of electronic approval of February 17 minutes.

**Call to the public:** Also present: Office manager Sandy Tilcock, Programmers Chris Sawyer, James Mahoney, Joy Walden, Kirk Reynolds, search committee member Molly Lou Smith

## **Vote on Harry Wolters and Patrick Tilcock joining the Board**

*Both nominees were approved by the board electronically following the 2.17.21 meeting.*

## **Election of Patrick as Board Secretary**

Paul moved to approve; Joni second; Carried unanimously

## **Resignation of Sandy Tilcock from the Board**

Motion to accept: Joni; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Paul; Carried unanimously.

## **Election of Paul Tompkins as Treasurer**

Motion to approve: Joni; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stephen; Carried unanimously

## **Vote on Joy Walden joining the Program Committee**

Motion to approve: Joni; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stephen; Carried unanimously

## **Report From Program Committee**

Joy clarified that the Program Committee per se did not meet. The on-air programmers did hold a meeting. There were concerns that the station's streaming service does not consistently work on mobile devices. Chris notes that the service, Spinatron, is aware of this issue and working to correct it. Clarification requested on the date the station must move from the Royale. Sandy confirmed that it is July 17, 2021.

Motion by Paul to direct that the Program Committee hold monthly meetings and report to the Board. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Paul will inform the Program Committee members.

## **Report from the site search Committee and discussion of possible actions**

Thanks to James Mahoney for preparing detailed lists of pros and cons for the two sites under consideration. (see below) These lists were discussed. A majority of board members favor the Bisbee Convention Center site. However, the site search committee wishes to continue to seek an option that does not present the climate control and accessibility questions related to that space. A motion was entered by Paul to table the decision until 3.31.21. Joni seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, with the understanding that a decision must be made by that date.

## **Report from the Hiring Committee and discussion of possible actions**

The recruiting announcement and job description for Station Manager have been finalized and plans made to publish the announcements through local and regional media. Joni moved that these plans be implemented and funds allocated for this purpose. Patrick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **Need to begin preparations for Board election in May**

Board election was deferred this year due to the pandemic. While it was originally projected that an election could take place in May 2021, it is the current consensus of the Board that this would present too many administrative and orientation challenges during this transitional time. Board election deferred until November 2021. Paul and Nancy Potenza will take responsibility for informing the membership of this decision.

### **Scheduling next Board Meeting**

Next meeting will be conducted via ZOOM at 5:30 PM on 3.31.21, at which time the Board will make a decision with regard to new site for the radio station.

### **Treasurer's Report**

On behalf of the Treasurer, Sandy reports that sustaining memberships are currently sufficient to cover the organization's operating expenses. It should be noted that proceeds from the sale of the building will be used initially to fund the Station Manager position, but additional revenue will be needed to sustain this position over time.

**Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 6:63 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Tilcock, Secretary

## **PROS AND CONS of POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE BISBEE RADIO PROJECT - Mahoney, March 2021**

### **The Bisbee Convention Center**

- ADA compliant
  - Adequate square footage
  - Offices and studio spaces already constructed
  - On-air visibility potential
  - Large meeting area
  - WiFi
  - Clear signal to CSP transmitter
  - Availability for street advertising: kiosk window and empty banner frame •
- Semi-furnished
- Bathrooms
  - Currently affordable rent/utilities
  - Parking

Controversial corporate identity/location

Severely limited hours of access to the station (no live programming between 11pm and 6am)

Extensive climate control needed

Extensive sound-proofing required

Decor/accoutrement that compliments the facility required

Minimal event space (possibility of renting basement space for events)

Year-to-year lease only (increasing **at least** 5% per year)

### **The Allen Block Building**

- Adequate square footage (with potential to rent neighboring suite) •
- Brings the ambiance of Old Bisbee back to the Bisbee Radio Project •
- Large meeting area
- Stage area for LIVE activities
- 24/7/365 accessibility to station
- Participation in events as a member of the Subway Association •
- On-air visibility potential
- Clear signal to CSP transmitter
- Shared WiFi and utilities
- Semi-furnished (shelving)
- Bathroom
- Availability for street advertising: kiosk window and building •
- Parking
- Currently very affordable (two or three year lease possible)

Climate control needed

Potential for sewer/water seepage from street level

Dedicated WiFi needed

Not ADA compliant access from street and to bathroom

Construction of studios/office required

Sound-proofing required

Decor/accoutrement that compliments the facility required

Affordability is tempered by increasing property taxes