

Belmont Cable Access Committee (BCAC)
Minutes 12/16/2003
7:30PM, BHS Room 116

Present

Committee: John Verrilli, Todd Bloniarz, Pam Curtis
Comcast: Mark Ventola

Call to Order

John Verrilli officially called the meeting to order at 7:45.

Review of 11/18/02 Minutes

Minutes were received and approved with some minor modifications: the town's license with Comcast expires on September 30, 2004; and Ch. 8 is looking to create an online bulletin board through either the Town of Belmont's website or that of Comcast (the first option will be to try and create the site through Comcast's site). Also, some of the dollar figures listed under capital equipment purchases may need to be adjusted.

Issues from the Community/Complaints/Concerns

For the second time in just over a month and for the third time since August, Ch. 8 went off the air for no explainable reason, this time beginning on Friday, December 12 and then coming back on the air sometime over that weekend. There has also been recent issues involving the 'jumping' of video images on programs because everything needs to be 'vector-scoped' (i.e. video levels set within limits).

Report on Studio Operations

The Ch. 8 Kids Club continues to be successful, and earlier this month they contributed to broadcast coverage of the annual Belmont tree lighting ceremony. Two teenagers are being trained on the station's equipment in order to cover Belmont High basketball games. Some of the recently purchased equipment has arrived at the station, including four digital cameras, switcher and audio mixer. Among some of the other equipment on its way to Ch. 8 are monitors, camera batteries, and a studio tripod. Once Mark and Abiodun have been trained on the new equipment there will be more adult television production workshops run sometime in the new year.

Media Center Task Force Status

Rika Welsh has organized focus groups to be held from January 20-24, 2004. Brochures have been printed and will be mailed out to specified citizens beginning December 29, with RSVP's being received up until January 12.

Next Meeting

So not to conflict with the aforementioned Media Center Task Force focus groups, the next meeting of the BCAC will be on Tuesday, January 27 at 7:30, BHS Room 116.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Bloniarz