

Belmont Cable Access Committee (BAC)
Minutes 3/21/05
7:30 p.m., BCTV Studio

Present

CAC: John Verrilli (Chair), Maryann Scali, Joseph Tovares, Edward Yee, Pam Curtis

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by CAC chair, John Verrilli at 7:35 p.m.

Review of Minutes of 2/05

The minutes were accepted as written.

Issues from the Community/Complaints/Concerns/Coverage

John reviewed on-going studio issues.

- The rolling bars problem continues. Belmont Electric Light has been contacted and is working on the problem.
- It is not possible to update the bulletin board offline, as had been suggested at a previous CAC meeting.
- Programming was discussed. Maryann and John both reported that the accuracy of the program schedule has improved lately but still needs constant monitoring. It was suggested that the program listing which appears on the air be updated daily, removing listings as soon as the date had past, rather than update weekly. There was some discussion of how to revise programming to fill more air time. John noted some improvement in this area, but there is not enough programming at present to make a very full schedule. The need to encourage more local productions was discussed.
- John had the updated list of studio producers and volunteers.
- The program schedule will be available online in the near future. The new website is www.Belmonttv.org. Jeff plans to have it available to the public by the end of April.
- John has been monitoring the studio phone message to see whether the staff has been changing it to reflect changes in the hours that the studio is open brought about by such things as staff vacations, illness, etc.
- The question of who is responsible for cleaning the studio (e.g., washing the floor) was raised. It has never been clear who is supposed to do this, the Belmont High custodial staff or the channel 8 staff. Mark or Abiodun should deal with this.
- The staff needs to make sure that the BHS senior awards ceremony is covered.
- The committee repeated its intention to give some sort of award to a BHS senior and perhaps to an underclassman as well for service performed for channel 8. Maryann was going to work on this.
- A ceremony for recent graduates of the BCTV video production workshop was discussed. The goal is to have it in late April or early May.
- A suggestion was made to inventory the studio equipment.
- The possibility of archiving old tapes was discussed.
- John reported on the status of the license renewal with Comcast.

Studio Operations

No one representing the studio was present.

Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Curtis

