

The Great Falls Public Radio Association Board meeting on July 20, 2020 was called to order by board president Rich Liebert at 6:30 p.m. Rich was present by audio. Board members present were Janice Driver (audio), Thomas Risberg (Zoom), Matthias Schalper (Zoom) and Diane Stinger (Zoom). Board member Joe Moll was unable to connect. Station Manager Tom Halverson was present by audio.

The minutes from the last meeting (June 15, 2020) were emailed to all members on the afternoon of 7/20/2020. Corrections or changes were left at the discretion of board members to email to the secretary and board as a group. As of the typing of these minutes on August 16, 2020, no corrections to the June minutes have been made.

Rich Liebert gave a financial report: \$10,000 is being transferred from the Missoula account to the GFPR account via mailed check, leaving \$42,469.45 in the Missoula account. The \$5,000 donation to public radio from D.A. Davidson that was deposited in a University of Montana account is, according to Ray Eckness, in the process of being transferred to the GFPR Missoula account. GFPR currently has \$10,502.83 in checking, \$2008.34 in savings, and Vertical Bridge, Shortgrass Web Design, and Wolfram Engineering have all been paid. First Interstate Bank is waiting on federal approval for loan forgiveness for the PPP loan.

Station Manager's Report: (copied and pasted from the report emailed by Tom H. on 7/21/20)

Station Managers Report-7/20/20

- 1) As part of the Covid-19 virus-updates KGPR continued interviews with Great Falls Mayor Bob Kelly and CCHD-Trish Gardner
- 2) Podcasts-will start forwarding to Thomas and not Sweetgrass.
- 3) Facebook Live/ Quarantine Concerts continue with Joel Corda-(Quarantine Concerts are on approx. once a month.
- 4) Front Range Outdoors back on hold (Marty sick)
- 5) DJ Brunch-Consensus amongst most of the volunteers is to wait a month or so...most are concerned about Covid-19
- 6) Arlyne Riechert called in appreciation of hearing archived episodes of On Point with Rodger McConnell
- 7) Finished three important reports due out by the beginning of July (2-FCC-1-Streaming)
- 8) Nice response to Voices and Views-Black Lives Matter interview, Jane Weber with the National Heritage Designation review-Vaping with Alliance for Youth.

Submitted 7/21/20 by Tom Halverson

Rich commented that the Voices and Views interviews were excellent and needed to be on podcasts. Rich also mentioned that we need to find someone who can host a picnic for GFPR board and volunteers in August, outside. The Celtic Cowboy, Double Barrel, and Ryan Dam were mentioned. Janice noted that the Westside Orchard Gardens area has a picnic area that can seat 20 people. Tom said Amy Grisdak will continue to host a Front Range Outdoors broadcast and has asked Tom to edit one show and send it to Missoula. Janice suggested we interview someone from McLaughlin Research Center for Voices and Views.

Engineering Report: Greg is preparing a 5 headset studio monitoring system for installation. He noted that the FCC documentation for license renewal requires preparation 5 months prior to our renewal date, which is April 1, 2021.

Old Business:

KGPR social media: Thomas Risberg will batch and send old agendas and minutes to Louis at Shortgrass. On the topic of a newsletter, Rich noted we need the old format, copies of old newsletters for everyone to see. He asked Tom H. whether he had old file copies of old newsletters. Tom H. said there seemed to be a problem because he had been sending old copies of the newsletters to Rich but Rich was not receiving them. Rich said he has two past ones and is looking for a newsletter shell. Thomas Risberg asked if Rich wanted it in trifold for print, or just in email format. Tom H. suggested he send an old newsletter to Thomas R. for his assistance in working through the problem.

New Business:

Rich asked Matthias whether he had heard from Jenn Rowell at Great Falls Electric. Matthias replied she is putting together a proposal but is uncertain how we would like it. He said he told her we would assist any way we can, we just need to hear her ideas.

A KGPR grassroots pledge drive in conjunction with the MTPR pledge drive, which will be October 19-23m was discussed.

The survey was discussed, it was decided it would be emailed to donors and a link posted to the website and Facebook page. All radio hosts would promote it and encourage participation. It was moved and seconded to launch it tomorrow as the KGPR Destiny Survey.

A board/volunteer picnic was discussed further. GFPRA would provide meat, attendees could bring a side dish, we could dish everything out using tongs and gloves. It was noted we have to make sure there is no line-up for food. The idea of in-kind vendors was discussed, someone who would provide and serve the food in at least partial trade for radio promotion. Matthias, Janice and Diane volunteered to be a committee to plan the picnic and the fundraiser.

Matthias moved and Janice seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.