

BCAT, Inc., 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday, December 6, 2024

Board Members present: Paul Wittman (PW), Bob Dutton, Ralph Hammond, Scott Counsell

Board Members not present: None

Staff Members present: Brian Hebert (BH), Sonia Patel, Jenn Puhle, Michael Russillo, Marc Gustafson, Dillon Tavitian

Board Meeting held at the Bedford Old Town Hall

General meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM

Opening remarks – Paul Wittman

- PW introduced the Board members in attendance along with Executive Director Brian Hebert and acknowledged the contributions of town officials and the Community Media Committee to Bedford TV's endeavors.
- PW briefly described the work of the Board and mentioned that there is a vacancy to be filled.

Approval of BCAT Annual Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2023

- The minutes of the BCAT Annual Meeting held on December 1, 2023, were unanimously approved.

Annual Report Summary – Brian Hebert

- BH introduced the Bedford TV staff members in attendance and acknowledged station sponsors.
- Final FY24 financial results: income was \$246,1252.50; and expenses came to \$233,573.09, for an underrun of \$12,679.41. Donations totaled \$6081.67, and grants came to \$1727.74 – close to double from the prior year's totals. The underrun was returned to the Town's Special Revenue Account for future BCAT funding.
- Programming highlights included: 823 new shows, 852 hours of content, 606 hours of locally produced programming, 129 government meetings, and 263 live programs.
- Nineteen new members were formally signed up; and ten classes were offered, attended by a total of 67 students.
- While cable subscribers declined, YouTube subscribers to Bedford TV's YouTube channel increased – now up to 13,433 subscribers.

Closing remarks – Paul Wittman

- PW described the opportunities available to volunteer at Bedford TV and encouraged people to continue to advocate for the station and to offer their support.

Regular meeting adjourned: 6:51 PM

Prepared by: Scott Counsell - Clerk

