

Minutes of the November 11, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Early Television Foundation
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Early Television Foundation
Meeting of the Board of Directors
(Telephone conference)
November 11, 2015 7:30 PM

Attending: Dave Abramson, Chuck Azar, Chuck Azzalina, Geoff Bourne, Bob Dobush, John Folsom, Darryl Hock, Steve McVoy, James O'Neal, Dave Sica, Jack South

Minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed prior to this meeting. There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 13 board meeting; seconded and approved unanimously by acclamation. President Steve McVoy asked if there were any corrections or additions. There were none. There was a motion to adopt the minutes as published; seconded and approved unanimously by acclamation.

Financial Report:

There is currently about a thousand dollars in the bank. All of our big expenses have been paid. Steve reported that he has only put about \$5,000 into running the Foundation this year. Not much more is likely to be needed. More donations are expected to come in, but if the amount raised for the year falls short of expenses, Steve said he will cover the difference. Steve's personal financial contribution to running the Foundation last year was approximately \$12,000 total and this year he expects it to be around \$5,000 or \$6,000.

There is currently about \$400 in the CRT rebuilding fund. Two people contribute a recurring monthly amount. No funds are expected to be needed until the operation comes online.

We have received the donation of the TK41 collection consisting of 3 complete cameras and accessories. Selling some of that will bring in a significant amount of income.

D&O insurance is in place and paid for.

Regarding the parking lot pavement, it's too late to do it this year, but after the TK41 sale the timing will be right and we'll have the income from the sale. This is the only big project we'll need to be doing in the near future.

At the fall swapmeet we had about 8 vendors at the event and about 40 attendees total. The museum sold about \$2,000 worth of surplus inventory. We will hold this event again next fall. We discussed whether we should consider having a Spring event (prior to the Early Television Convention?) The question was raised as to whether the spring event could be coordinated with local ham radio and/or antique radio club.

CRT Rebuilding:

Not much is currently happening. In August, Nick Williams came by to attempt the first rebuild. Another couple of people were there in addition to Nick. Nick rebuilt a tube and was ready to evacuate it, but there was trouble with the vacuum pump. The problem ended up being with the pump's gauge. John Yurkon fixed the gauge and we're currently waiting to get it back. Steve expects that the next round of activity in the CRT room will take place at the next Convention.

The question was asked as to whether it would be helpful to get Scotty to come out and get the system running. The consensus was that this might be a useful thing to do after we've determined that the process is viable and everything is working. Perhaps get Nick to come out again this winter?

Vericolor Camera:

The restoration of the camera is coming along beautifully. Details are in Steve's updates which are posted regularly on the Early Television website. Cliff Benham has been designing the needed circuits; Steve has been building and troubleshooting.

Mobile Van:

The Ohio Historical Society sent 3 people out to investigate us to see if they'll be giving it to the Early Television Museum. We expect that will happen within the next six months or so.

TK41 Cameras:

The cameras have just arrived. Contrary to how it appeared from the earlier photos, all of the support equipment is NOT trashed. The equipment is actually in fairly nice shape, just dirty. We should be able to get a restorable TK41 camera with all support equipment, cables, etc., and 2 cameras, one pedestal and "a half a camera" (the one currently on display in the museum without the viewfinder) and support equipment that we can sell. Chuck Pharis has estimated that we might receive anywhere from \$13-,000 to \$15,000 for a camera with pedestal. We discussed cleaning (dry-ice blasting?) restoration (capacitor re-stuffing vs. testing-and-reusing vs. replacing with modern components. We discussed the possibility of farming out individual pieces of equipment to several people to divide up the workload of capacitor replacement or restoration.

Steve will send photos of everything to Chuck Pharis to evaluate what we've got and what we need to do. The equipment will be off-loaded from the truck later tonight.

Convention Presentations:

We continued our discussion from the previous meeting regarding how to make the presentations better for the next Convention. James O'Neal has outlined how IEEE does it. We want to make the process better than it has in the past. IEEE has co-chair (per JO) serving for a year or two, rotating one experienced, one new.

- Develop Guidelines.
- Solicit topics / solicit presentations
- Follow up, get outlines. Develop a review / evaluation process.

Membership / Fund Drive:

We had 150 paid members in 2015. This was up from about 50 in the previous year, so our membership drive has been pretty successful. PBS has been concentrating on getting people to give a few dollars a month automatically. This can be done easily through PayPal. It would be in addition to regular memberships. It can add up, for example \$5 a month = \$60 a year. So perhaps we could promote this in addition to our straight membership. Steve will investigate.

Any other new business?

Dave Abramson: What about the longer view? Should we hire an outside consultant to take a look at what we're doing? Are we a museum or just a bunch of collectors? Can we benefit from the expertise of a museum expert / museum consultant? What do you expect to see vs. what do you really see when you come to the museum? Are we operating a museum for collectors or a museum that would be appealing to the public? Steve's experience (feedback from most visitors): "wow, that was really neat. I

didn't know anything like this existed." The problem: simply making people aware we exist. Steve has already discussed this with Todd Stockwell at the Indiana State Museum and will discuss further.

Next meeting: some time in February 2016 date TBD by Steve and board advised.

Motion to adjourn; seconded and approved unanimously by acclamation.

The meeting ended Aug. 23 at approximately 8:40 PM.

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