

# **KVNF Annual Membership Meeting, October 24th 2009, KVNF Community Room, Paonia**

A quorum being present, KVNF Board of Directors president John Moore called the KVNF annual meeting to order at 4 PM.

- John Moore asked the Secretary of the Board to review the proposed changes to the bylaws, which he did.
- Candidates for the three vacant Board seats each gave a brief statement of purpose.
- Moore appointed election judges: Skip Naft, Michele Follis.
- Members were given time to fill out and submit their ballots
- Departing Board members Bill Wilson and Cynthia Hines reflected on their years on the Board.
- Moore introduced the Board members.

*Donna Littlefield proposed and Bob Panetta seconded a motion that the minutes of last year's annual meeting be accepted. Passed unanimously.*

Board Treasurer Dennis Grunkemeyer presented a financial report, the highlights of which were:

- The budget for 2009 was austere but KVNF ended up with a small surplus
- The detailed budget can be found on the Board of Directors dokuwiki at this link: [financials](#)
- The budget approved for 2010 looks very much like that of 2009 and can be found on the Board's dokuwiki (see link above)
- It is expected that KVNF will be OK financially even if the economy doesn't improve
- Thanks was extended to the members for their consistent support of KVNF
- A brief financial report will be part of the annual report included in the November newsletter mailing

Janelle Comer and Cynthia Hines presented a Development Committee report, the highlights of which were:

- KVNF was the hub of music and entertainment on the western slope this summer
- Live broadcasts of the Pickin' in the Park shows were made
- KVNF had a media presence at the Obama Town Hall in Grand Junction
- People appreciate what KVNF is doing
- Fundraising has been stable
- Development needs more volunteers to reach out into the community

- In general the Outreach program has been very successful
- KVNF co-sponsored 9 live concerts this year
- The last big piece of shoring up of the KVNF infrastructure is the KVMT transmitter upgrade and a replacement of the KVNF transmitter (see Operations committee report below)
- KVNF is an essential part of the western slope social fabric

Phil Egidi presented an Operations committee report, the highlights of which were:

- The KVNF and KVMT transmitter sites were inspected and inventoried
- Equipment is OK except for the transmitters which are showing their age
- A PTFP grant was applied for and granted to fund 50% of the cost of upgrading transmitters for KVMT and KVNF
- The Operations and Development committees are jointly developing a funding plan for the upgrade.
- KVMT will be upgraded first for which about \$55,000 must be raised
- KVNF will then be upgraded for which about \$35,000 must be raised
- Efforts are proceeding to digitize the CD library and handle new music that is provided as mp3 and similar files
- An upgrade to the KVNF.org website is in order
- Will be investigating social networking as an adjunct to KVNF/KVMT mission

Monica Wiitanen presented a report on the activities of the CAB:

After a hiatus of about a year, the Community Advisory Board was restructured by the KVNF Board of Directors and met for the first time last May. At that meeting, John Clark was elected chairperson, and Robb Ruyle agreed to act as Secretary.

The group has begun discussions regarding KVNF's Strategic Plan, as requested by the Board. Our hope is that we can complete the review and present our feedback to the Board of Directors by the end of the year. We also hope to pursue a more active relationship with the Programming Committee in the coming months.

For the future, the CAB intends to play a dynamic role in KVNF's overall planning process, hopefully with increased input from the all the communities that our favorite public radio station serves.

The current members are:

Don Ahern, Cedaredge  
 Barry Merkel, Ridgway  
 David Mullings, Ouray  
 Monica Wiitanen, Paonia  
 Robb Ruyle, Montrose [Secretary]  
 John Clark Ridgway [Chair]

KVNF General Manager Sally Kane presented her annual “state of the station” address, in which she mentioned:

- The Fall pledge drive has, so far, grossed about \$48,000
- The station is operating in the black
- There is a three month operating reserve
- The building mortgage is down to about \$92,000
- Radio is evolving to become a Public Service Medium
- KVNF exemplifies what is good about public media

*Skip Naft reported the results of the election. The elected Board members are: Linda Bacigalupi, Jay Canode, and Dennis Grunkemeyer. The proposed changes to the bylaws were ratified.*

Sally Kane presented the following awards:

- Tribal Drumbeat: Kele Lampe for many years of 'Whiskey in the Jar'
- Volunteer of the Year: Kelly Hames
- Bob Thomas – sub-a-dub-dub
- Skip Naft – bylaws hawk
- Ron Samuelson – first pledge of the drive happened during his show
- Todd Hines – the man behind the woman

The KVNF community room was officially dedicated to Dottie Talmage by Gayle Davidson.

Felix Belmont and KVNF founder Campbell Stanton rounded up former Board members (of which there were slightly fewer than 100, not all attending, though) and asked those present to stand, introduce themselves and say a few words. Following this Campbell Stanton spoke on the early years of KVNF.

J. T. Thomas took a photograph of the former and present Board members as a group.

A motion for adjournment was proposed and seconded from the floor and was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Wiitanen, Secretary