

**WCAB MINUTES  
DECEMBER 16, 2004**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Margaret Case.

Present were Margaret Case, Chris Doyle, Mary Griffin, J. Gross, Leo Hart, Alan Shoemaker, Dave Unger. Alternate Greg Cappiello. Studio Coordinator Jim Daddona. Excused Alternate John Alosso.

Jim Daddona discussed the possible purchase of a Prestige Avio that has Ethernet, a removable hard drive, a DVD burner and a more powerful operating system. It's a demo box offered for \$2,099, approximately \$1,400 off list price. The demo would have the same warranty as the new unit.

Alternate systems were discussed, but were not as user friendly. For WCTV volunteers, in Jim's opinion the Avio is far easier to use, and will communicate to other computers through Ethernet. And although learning the Avio can be challenging, it's easier to do the basics on it than on competing systems.

J. Gross had also researched the Avio. He pointed out several drawbacks, including the fact that there would be training needed on learning a new interface, and that its file system might not be compatible with other Windows systems in the studio. He questioned if this were a rational process for updating equipment to arrive at an architecture where things fit together.

The point was made that there was a need for a high level as well as a low level system, and this Avio fills the need for this low level system. Greg Cappiello believed that given all circumstances, the deal Jim had acquired was a good one.

After discussion, a move to purchase the Avio Prestige was made by Chris Doyle, and seconded by Leo Hart. Motion carried, with J. Gross dissenting.

Dave Unger suggested that in the future, a subcommittee be set up to look into matters such as this. The group would seek equipment that will serve the masters of technology and user friendliness.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Leo Hart, and seconded by Chris Doyle. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Shoemaker  
Secretary