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# Minutes of meetings of the Dumont volunteers

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## 26 September 1986

**Present:** Janice [St. Clair], Geo [Swan], Bill [Wharrie?], Ed [Halbach?], Annette [Beingessner], Moe [Lyons], Steve [Izma] [minutes recorded by Steve]

1. Money: the work available & to which Dumont is committed amounts to about \$26K–\$27K, but very little \$ available in cash before Nov. Fixed costs range from \$1100–\$1500 per month. Total costs to close down roughly \$11,000. There may be a dispute with *Alternatives* re: last issue printing. The only \$ available in Oct. maybe \$1000–\$1500 cash at beginning of month, \$1500 from BTL. Geo will talk to Ann Hodgins re: *Alternatives*.
2. Moe's job: Moe feels too much responsibility re: organizing jobs & training people. She being the only skilled person remaining & the only full-time person, her stress level is high & it is difficult to concentrate on particular jobs. Moe wants a strict 8-hr day & not to be on UIC.
3. *Money*: Payroll needed:
  - 29 Sept.: \$1000 from Steve
  - 10 Oct.: \$1000 from SteveMore money needed for 24 Oct. Steve will try to raise money from others in the community.
4. Janice will contact Heather Bradley re: working on Futures grant.

## 13 November 1986

**Present:** [reconstructed from other implications] Steve Izma [minutes], Eliza Moore, Moe Lyons, Becky Kane, Todd Schneider, Catherine Edwards, Terry [?], Bill Wharrie, Debbie Conners.

### Agenda

1. nature of group; K-W Community Media Project; expansion
2. use of shop by which groups
3. general feedback on proposal
4. what kind of equipment; general use of resource centre for what purposes

### Meeting

1. This group would constitute itself as KWCOMP. Later we will clearly define exact membership rules & elect officers.
2. User of shop by which groups
  1. personal work for non-commercial reasons
  2. groups or organizations, non-profit, limited funds, doing the work themselves

3. individuals using space or equipment for doing commercial work for personal gain (freelance)
  4. organizations requir[ing] commercial work done & and can't do it themselves – volunteer groups
  5. teaching situation[s]
3. [general feedback on proposal]
    - goal is to have the centre support itself on a volunteer basis
    - user fee involve volunteer labour
    - responsibility for handling a commercial job; necessary caution in conditions for undertaking jobs
    - commercial as bottom priority
    - guard against over use of equipment for commercial purposes
  4. [who would use it for what purposes?]
    - Steve: [has various personal projects like posters and pamphlets ongoing; also works with other non-commercial groups; would probably continue to do BTL work; will do things for MKS, like ads and some documentation, for which Dumont would be paid full commercial fees]
    - Eliza: mostly organization interests & keeping it available
    - Moe: if she were here to use for various projects & to make sure it continues; helps marginal publishing
    - Becky: the idea of being able to produce own materials
    - Todd: agrees to proposal as being valuable; wants to see the centre be a resource
    - Catherine: wants to see *Hysteria* have access in future; if around, would be interested in personal access
    - Terry: such places need to exist in contrast to the rest of the way things work
    - Bill: not a great likelihood of doing personal work, but wants to see the place continue
    - Debbie: (WPIRG) has access to typesetting thru UofW but needs paste-up facilities; (*Alternatives*) again needs pasteup facilities on a freelance basis; also interested in organizational work to keep facilities available; wants a social workplace
    - others interested: Ed Halbach, Al Rimmer, Phil Elsworthy, Mary Spies; Catherine will talk to others at *Hysteria* meeting
    - make quotes & priorities for various groups, i.e., maximum amount of time used for commercial use;

## 24 November 1986

**Present:** Debbie Conners, Catherine Edwards, Sue Campbell, Moe Lyons, Lisa Wilms, Jane Harding, Bob Little, Eva,

Becky Kane, Annette Beingssner, Steve Izma [minutes]  
[Preliminaries:]

- This meeting accepts proposals
- will meet again in December to decide how assets will be disposed of
- tonight: some discussion to clarify for various groups what will be happening next

**Info:** Jane has been [ . . . ]

1. **Purpose of this meeting:** accept, clarify, expand, discuss proposals and various implications
2. **Announcements:** Jane has been checking at McMaster re: archiving; they are not likely to pay for anything and probably aren't interested in Dumont's material. Ken and Kae have taken some material away for [an] art show.
3. **Discussion of proposals:**
  - Becky asks why the commercial group is interested; Lisa: to keep a collective process going; Jane: originally looked at with rosy glasses; Bob: to preserve co-op jobs.
    - they have explored financing through plans for funding of technological upgrading; requires business plan and Dumont assets and history
    - need several months for this to get underway
  - Sue: concern (esp. re: *Hysteria*) that equipment continue to be available for non-commercial use; would like more reassurance
  - one issue is transitional time between finish of current work and start-up of commercial work
  - doesn't seem to be practical to do commercial work during this period
  - proposed that non-comm group takes equipment to studio space at end of February, start-up group uses legal form [of company] and assets of Dumont to petition for grant
  - both groups share transition period costs
  - once status of start-up grant is known, equipment passes to non-commercial group, and title passes to start-up group if it continues
  - both groups will prepare cash plans to cover transition costs
4. **BTL meeting**
  - Geo [Swan]'s report of the BTL meeting was read
  - Jamie [Swift] has met with DEC and DEC is favourable to the plan
  - we need to propose to BTL what we want for share
5. **Work in progress:**
  - *Alternatives* is in print; camerawork for next issue coming in
  - *Labour 18* is at printer
  - *Labour 19* is being typeset
  - type for *Film Guide* is gone
  - *Viet Nam* book [*Quiet Complicity*] is being pasted up
  - various small jobs

## 6. Meetings

- wind-down 2 p.m. this Wednesday
- next general meeting: 23 December 1986

## 7. Back wages

- Becky has calculated additional back wages between March 1985 to present for five people
- Steve will check figures in ledger

## Comments by Steve Izma, May 2021

These minutes were originally taken by me and I have transcribed them with clarifications in square brackets.

At the time of the 24 November meeting, we had apparently asked the Development Education Centre to purchase our share in BTL, but I don't think that ever happened – I may be able to find some reference to this in old BTL minutes. Eventually, Brian Iler worked out an arrangement for both of BTL's parents to cede ownership to a non-profit corporation, Between The Lines Publishing Society Inc, which is the arrangement still in effect.