

## WOMR/WFMR Program Committee

### Minutes – May 20, 2026

#### Attendees:

Moe Keane-Bottino, John Braden, Matthew Dunn, Denya LeVine, Andy Rahorcsak, Jon Rimbach, Fran Sullivan (Chair), Ira Wood

#### Guest:

Mike DeMale

**Meeting called to order at approximately 4:01 p.m.**

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### Approval of Prior Minutes

The committee reviewed the April 15, 2026 minutes. A correction was noted to the spelling of Denya LeVine's name. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as corrected.

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### Programming Decisions (Slots / DJs)

#### Mike DeMale –

#### House Music Happy Hours

Mike DeMale introduced himself to the committee and presented an overview of his proposed monthly program, *House Music Happy Hours*. He discussed the history and culture of house music, his approach to programming, and his experience producing a pilot broadcast. Committee members discussed programming content, schedule adherence, and station policies regarding profanity.

Following discussion, the committee unanimously approved Mike DeMale for a monthly Saturday evening slot. The committee noted expectations regarding adherence to scheduled airtime and compliance with station broadcast standards.

#### Paul Johnston Proposal -

The committee reviewed a programming proposal submitted by Paul Johnston. Following discussion, the committee declined to approve the proposal at this time. The committee noted that the Saturday morning time period has traditionally been reserved for student and developing programmers, providing opportunities for mentorship and training of new volunteers.

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## Program Updates

### Returning Programmers

- Rich Willecke will return to his regular Wednesday afternoon programming slot beginning June 24 following an extended absence.
- Nancy and Melissa (*Muir Music*) requested an extended break due to personal issues. The committee previously agreed to accommodate the request, and substitute programming will continue as needed.
- Quinn Cox's (*Astro-Logic*) program is now fully underway following committee approval at the prior meeting.
- Brewster Brownville (DJ Malcontent) has returned to the air after several months away from the station.

### Cape Cod Baseball League Broadcasts

The committee received an update on the Cape Cod Baseball League partnership. Weekly "Game of the Week" broadcasts will air Sundays from June 14 through August 9. Technical arrangements, staffing needs, promotion, scheduling logistics, and accommodations for fields without lighting were discussed. Committee members emphasized transparency when games are broadcast on tape delay.

The project is moving into implementation, and volunteer interest in supporting broadcasts has been strong.

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## Process Updates

### Program Reviews

The committee reviewed progress on the ongoing programmer evaluation process. Discussion focused on reviewer access to self-evaluations, sharing of reviewer comments, documentation practices, and methods for improving consistency and transparency in the review process. Matty agreed to make additional review materials available to committee members.

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### New DJs and Training

- Phil Fournier – The committee reviewed Phil's training progress. Staff reported that Phil continues to make progress and recently completed supervised airtime. While additional development is needed regarding studio operations and on-air mechanics, recent evaluations were generally positive. The committee discussed strategies for providing additional airtime opportunities and mentorship support as training continues.
- Chris Tansey – Chris has completed an initial interview and is scheduled for a studio visit. Staff expressed optimism regarding his future involvement with the station.

- Christina Egeli – Christina remains a prospective DJ candidate. Initial outreach has been made and further follow-up is pending.
  - Kat Wright – The committee discussed Kat’s interest in becoming involved with the station. Staff will continue outreach and follow-up.
  - Madhavi Venkatesan – Madhavi remains interested in returning to the station. Scheduling challenges have delayed training and onboarding efforts, though interest remains on both sides.
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### **Volunteer Recognition**

Committee members offered positive feedback regarding recent substitute shifts by Rachel Ferrer. Her programming and on-air presence were well received, and staff reported positive feedback from listeners and volunteers.

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### **Operations / Miscellaneous**

#### **Station History Project**

Matty provided an update on the station history project. Work is underway to gather and organize historical materials for a proposed book documenting the station’s history. The project is being developed in collaboration with Chris Wisniewski. The goal is to have the book substantially completed by the end of 2026 in anticipation of WOMR’s 45th anniversary in March 2027.

#### **Expanded News Coverage**

The committee discussed ongoing efforts to expand local news coverage. Discussions are underway with representatives from the Provincetown Independent and former CAI news director Steve Junker regarding potential collaboration opportunities. The possibility of dedicating additional resources toward local journalism and news production was also discussed. No formal action was taken.

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### **Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:06 p.m.**