



**National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.
 Board of Directors ZOOM Meeting
 February 26, 2024 @ 7:00 pm Eastern Time**

EMERGENCY MEETING – FINAL MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Leroy Baker, Director	Bob Burton, Treasurer	John Cote, Director
Renee Coulson, Vice Chair	Eliel Garcia, Director	Cathy Gorton, Director
Jarett Harkness, Director	Sherry Kitts, Secretary	Rhett Lucke, Chair
Philip Morris, Director	Geoffrey Parker, Director	Jeff Zuspan, Director

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Rory McEvoy, Executive Director

ITEM	SUBJECT	LEAD
1	Call to Order Chair Lucke called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm EST.	Chair Lucke
2	Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Procedures & Announcements Robert’s Rules of order for Small Boards will be followed.	Chair Lucke
3	Roll Call All Directors were present as indicated in the above table. Ex-Officio Member Rory McEvoy, Executive Director, was also present.	Secretary Kitts

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4	DISCUSSION: Failure of Headquarters Phone System and Proposal for Replacement.	ED McEvoy

In addition to the proposal for a headquarters phone system replacement, there is also a proposal for upgrade of the School of Horology alarm system to a wireless system.

Background:

- The week of February 12, 2024, the aging phone system experienced a complete failure after receiving an alarm from the School of Horology.
- Headquarters is forced to operate by using a single cell phone.
- The current lack of normal communications is seriously impacting operations.
- Based on his experience with the two companies, ED McEvoy has a great deal of faith in the quotes and is requesting authorization of \$15,000 for the phone (\$11,195.61) and security (\$1,495.00) upgrades plus handset costs.
- The phone system will be assembled and tested at the vendor facility, then installed at headquarters. This system will not be proprietary as the old system was and will permit more flexibility in upgrades, handsets, etc.
- We have eliminated two of the Comcast accounts and with this system will be able to eliminate the last one, which will save us money over time, even with extensions and usage cost of the new system. The desired twenty handsets will cost about \$50 each, with two switchboard handsets costing \$100 each.
- Director Parker, who works with digital hardware and software, stated that the equipment quoted is excellent in performance and reliability, and that the quote was a good price.
- It is best to completely replace the 14-year-old outdated system rather than “patch” it. These systems should be upgraded or replaced every five years.
- The School of Horology alarm system was a wired connection, and the security proposal will upgrade it to a wireless system to match the museum installation.
- Funding will be from Board Designated funds.

5	Call for MOTION: For funding in the agreed direction.	Chair Lucke
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MOTION by Director Baker to approve the funding as discussed for upgrade and replacement of the museum phone system and the School of Horology Alarm System.

SECOND by Director Cote.

MOTION APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

6	Adjournment of the Emergency Session Chair Lucke adjourned the special emergency session at 7:32 pm EST.	Chair Lucke
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Please send all comments and questions to NAWCC BOD Secretary Sherry Kitts at sacutts@comcast.net