

Lake Champlain Access Television
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 17, 2004

(Board) Present: Sam Conant (SC), Eric Hadd (EH), Renn Niquette (RN),
Hank Schaefer (HS), Kary Towne (KT), and Channel Director
Kevin Christopher (KC).
Others: Buddy Meilleur

SC called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Public Comments

RN mentioned that she had heard negative comments about LCATV due to the airing of a show which was particularly unflattering to a presidential candidate. There was lengthy discussion of issues and the following questions arose.

- Should LCATV appear neutral, especially during presidential election year?
- Should LCATV seek out shows to balance one another?
- How do other stations handle this?
- What roles should LCATV employees play?
- Are we setting a precedent when our employees produce shows that make a political statement, especially during the presidential election?
- What do our bylaws say? Do we need to review our bylaws?
- How do we address issues of perceived conflict of interests, first amendment issues, liability?
- Would a disclaimer or offer of response time adequately address our concerns?

KC will do a VAN posting addressing some of these issues and let us know what he finds out. It was agreed that the Board must continue this discussion at future board meetings.

Discussion of Programming Complaint

Community member who was invited to Board meeting to discuss complaint did not show.

Board Member Comments

EH thanked KC for his tutorial assistance at the Georgia Elementary School. The staff found this helpful and they intend to use his services in the future.

SC was pleased with the stellar performance of the LCATV staff during the election season.

Approval of the minutes of 10/20/04

HS made the motion, RN second, to accept the minutes of 10/20/04 with corrections.

Executive Director's Report

KC passed around a booklet which he prepared for the meeting with Adelpia, "2004 Funding Proposal and Operations Outline."

KC went over our LCATV email accounts again. Buddy has prepared instructions and we should let KC know how it goes.

KC presented phone service information from Sovernet and Lightship. After brief discussion, it was decided that KC would contact Lightship for further information and bring a proposal back to the Board.

KC had looked at another space on Hercules Drive that would not meet our needs. He continues to discuss more potential space at our current location with our landlord.

Looking to the future and expansion possibilities, KC has been in contact with various people in Georgia and Milton. He spoke with Diane Layden (Georgia schools) about LCATV's potential satellite office in Georgia. He also spoke with Brenda Tourangeau (Milton Teen Program), Gary Furlong (Milton HS video class), and Milton Parks & Rec about incorporating LCATV opportunities into their programs.

KC discussed the banking changes. We need to set up a checking account at the credit union and decide how to proceed with the CD's and money market accounts. The plan is to get all the accounts out of the Chittenden and into several credit unions. KC and SC will work together to look at the current accounts and to see what makes most sense (best interest rates) and let the Board know. We currently have two CD's, one for three months and one for twelve months.

KC presented his 2004-05 contract to SC, which was then signed.

Adelpia Contract Discussion

KC has prepared a packet for Adelpia (see above) and he and SC will be meeting on Friday, November 19, at 8:30. Other Board members are welcome to attend.

Review FY 2004-05 Budget

KC presented draft #4 of the budget. HS felt that budget matters might be better dealt with early in our meetings when everyone is fresh, rather than near the end. There was some uncertainty expressed about budget issues, as we don't have a new contract yet. SC wanted a firm time commitment as an outcome of Friday's meeting. After brief discussion, HS made the motion, EH second, to approve the budget. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

KC presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted the inclusion of "Operating Reserve" and "Satellite Outreach Reserve" under "Liabilities and Fund Balance." Total assets to date are \$533,137.07.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kary Towne
Secretary

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2004, at 5:30 pm.