

Lake Champlain Access Television
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 28, 2008

Present: Dick Pecor (DP), Peter Russom (PR), Hank Schaefer (HS), Ron Stotyn (RS), Channel Director Kevin Christopher (KC)
LCATV Staff Buddy Meilleur
Guest Rob Chapman, VAN President

HS called the meeting to order.

Meet with Rob Chapman, VAN President

Rob Chapman, VAN President, meet with the Board to keep the lines of communication open between VAN and local access stations. He is looking to offer support to VT PEG channels as they interact with Comcast, especially as contracts come up for renewal. Rob is also working on improving communications between stations. There is a website started and he is considering other options, such as a newsletter. He suggested we review our 3-5 year plan as Comcast is interested in this.

There are many issues being discussed as Comcast settles in Vermont. They include: use of funds for on-line content; decisions based on needs of cable subscribers vs the general public; who pays for specific services; clear definitions of contract language; file-sharing, territory issues; live synchronous multicasting; how to work within the educational system and such.

KC briefly reviewed the territory issue that current exists between LCATV and St. Albans with Georgia and Fairfax.

Public / Board / Member / Staff Comments

RS has been reviewing policies and has questions about policy 13. KC reported it had been about 4 years since the Board had reviewed policies and it was time to begin this process again. This will be added as an agenda item for next meeting.

Approve Minutes of 12/17/07

DP made the motion, PR second, to approve the minutes of 12/17/07. Motion approved.

Executive Director's Report

KC received a thank-you note from Fran Ferro – Milton Public Library – for the DMG.

A small group from Georgia is currently working on getting an application in for their DMG.

KC received a letter from the Milton Select Board officially notifying us of Ron Stotyn's appointment to the LCATV Board

KC reminded the Board that it is time for reorganization.

KC has continued to work to find Georgia representatives for our Board.

KC reported that Sam Conant is interested in having the Board discuss extended Board membership at some point in the future.

KC reminded the Board that we were going to work on a mission statement for LCATV. DP suggested that this statement include our outreach philosophy.

Treasurer's Report

KC would like to meet with our accountant and formulate a specific financial plan for LCATV. Each budget area (ex: DMG, HD upgrade, etc.) would have a detailed plan with funds allocated to meet the goals outlined in the plan. He feels this might be the best way to approach Comcast when our current contract is up. He will update the Board after he meets with the accountant.

KC presented a 2008 budget draft for review. After discussion by the Board, DP made the motion, PR second, to accept the 2008 budget as presented. Motion passed.

Executive Session

No Executive Session

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: _____

Respectfully submitted,

Kary Towne
Secretary