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## Lake Champlain Access Television

Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 11, 2009 at Colchester Suite

**Present:** Sam Conant (SC), Ron Stotyn (RS), Kary Towne (KT), Diane Bahrenberg (DB), Kevin Christopher (KC) Neil Hilt (NH)  
Buddy Meilleur

### **Call to order:**

RS called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm

### **Approve Agenda :**

There were no changes to the agenda.

### **Public / Board Member / Staff Comments:**

The Board welcomed Diane Bahrenberg , Colchester's Education Representative.

### **Board of Directors Election:**

KC brought in the ballots for counting. Peter Russom was reelected to the Board. SC moved to approve the election, DB second. Motion passed. KC passed out an updated list of the current Board of Directors.

### **Approval of Minutes of 4/20/09:**

NH made the motion, SC second, to approve the minutes of 4/20/09. Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

**Fairfax/Westford/Georgia:** Due to illness the access plan is incomplete at this time. KC received a call from St. Albans PEG Executive Director who wants to have a meeting to discuss program sharing. Several of our Board members will attend this meeting with KC, which he hopes to schedule by the end of the month.

**Web platform:** KC is hoping to have more to report by the end of May.

**2011 Contract:** Greg is on vacation. A meeting will be set up when he returns.

**Digital Media Grant:** The Georgia Library does not want to move forward until after a meeting with their Select Board which is planned in the near future. The Colchester Library's director is on maternity leave until June. When she returns, they will be looking to hire a coordinator for the DMG project.

**Summer Camps:** LCATV staff is getting these camps set up in each town. Burnham is planning a live production camp. KC is still looking for an intern to work with our staff at these camps. Have any referrals contact Kevin directly.

**New Facility Exploration:** KC handed out information on possible sites. Several site visits have been made. The realtor has suggested it would be costly to purchase land and build our own facility. The Board discussed the pros and cons of this Redstone Property on RT 104 which has been empty for 2 years. If we were interested in this property the next step would be to get an estimate of what it will cost to bring it up to our standards. The realtor had also given info about the Catamount property which we had discussed previously and decided it did not meet our needs. After discussion, the Board was not really sold on this property and would like to revisit the possibility of purchasing land or a building in Milton area (high visibility important). The Board made it clear that we do have a plan for future expansion and have funds targeted for this purpose. It is most important to find a situation that meets the needs of our customers as we move forward with this plan.

#### **New Business:**

KC talked about the VAN meeting in Hyde Park. He showed a brochure about the Sony Anycast Station and Broadcast Pix Line technology. He will arrange a demonstration for the Board. RS suggested that all staff add other high priority items for upgrades.

Champlain College will host the Alliance for Community Media Northeast Media Conference and Trade Show on May 21-22 and invited Board members to attend. RS is interested in attending. SC made the motion, NH second, to approve the registration fee for RS to attend this conference. Motion passed (4 aye; 0 nay; 1 abstain)

Channel 17 putting on a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Media Production Show on 5/13 at the Waterfront. They will request a \$10 donation to their legal fund. KC is not able to attend due to graduation weekend. RS and SC will try to attend.

#### **Policy Review:**

Second Reading Policy 6: *Sponsorship, Advertising & Paid Service*: There were minor changes made. SC made the motion, DB second, to adopt Policy 6 as modified tonight. Motion passed.

Review of Policy 9 (new Policy 7) *Program Scheduling*: After a brief review with several minor changes, SC made the motion, DB second, to approve first reading of new policy 9. Motion passed.

Review of Policy 10 (new Policy 8) *Community Bulletin Board*: After brief review of Community Bulletin Board Policy, NH made the motion, KT second, to approve the first reading of new Policy 8. Motion passed.

Review of Policy 11 (new Policy #9) *Use of Studio Facilities*: This policy will be changed in structure to keep in consistent with the other policies—the *articles* will be removed. After brief discussion, SC made the motion, DB second, to adopt the first reading of new Policy #9 as amended. Motion passed. KC will send a copy of all the new approved Policies to the Board Members.

**Treasurer's Report:**

There was no balance sheet as it is a bit early in the month. KC does expect the quarterly funding check by end of week.

KC discussed VAN dues, currently equal for each PEG station regardless of size. There is a proposal to increase fees based on a PEG's operating budget. The proposal suggests the fee to be either 0.5% or 1.0% of the operating budget. For LCATV 0.5% would equal \$1800 and 1.0% would equal \$3600. VAN will be contacting LCATV in the near future about their proposal. The increase in fees would help establish funds for legal costs and organization to work on the more complex problems developing in the area of communication and PEG channels.

**Future Agenda Items:**

SC suggested LCATV cover events around July 4 and the gala festivities planned around the celebration of Lake Champlain this year.

Setting Meetings in Advance: For the summer, we will meet June 15 and Aug 17 (No July meeting).

**Executive Session:**

There is no need for Executive Session.

**Adjournment:**

DB made the motion to adjourn. Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

Kary Towne

Secretary