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Lake Champlain Access Television

Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 15, 2009 Colchester Site

Present Kary Towne (KT), Ron Stotyn (RS), Sam Conant (SC), Peter Russon (PR), Kevin Christopher (KC)
LCATV Staff: Buddy Meilleur & Rebecca Padula
Guest: Maureen Garofano

Call to order:

RS called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

SC made the motion, PR second, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Meet with Maureen Garofano of MGV Associates:

PR made the motion, KT second, to enter Executive Session at 5:40 pm to discuss contract negotiations. Motion passed. Both Buddy Meilleur and Rebecca Padula were invited to attend. At 6:28 pm the Board exited Executive Session. No action taken as a result of Executive Session.

Public / Board Members / Staff Comments:

KC sent around Ron's comments from the ACM-NE conference for review. RS may not be able to make the August meeting. He will keep us informed of his plans.

Approval of Minutes of 4/20/09

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

Old Business:

Fairfax/Westford/Georgia: KC will be sending Paul Legassey a list of the programs LCATV would like to offer. KC gave us a copy of a letter from David McWilliams (St. Albans PEG) as follow up to a meeting between the 2 stations.

KC reported that this was one of their busiest weeks ever—17 events. KC has a possible community connection who may be interested in volunteering for our negotiations committee. He will keep us informed about this contact. He will also be working on getting Westford and Fairfax programs up and running.

Web Platform: KC expects this to be up and running within the week. Once we have the opportunity to view it, he is interested in our feedback.

2011 Contract: No new information at this time.

Digital Media Program: Neal Hilt has done a lot of work on this in Georgia. Rebecca is working at Burnham Library tonight with their program.

Camp season began this am with 9 kids. Georgia camp will be up and running next week.

At the ACM conference, KC got some new ideas about using video production in language (Spanish) classes. He will work with Angela King at Milton HS on a project with her Spanish classes next year. RS briefly reviewed his comments from attending the conference. He came away reminded that our mission is to serve the community by whatever means exists in this world of changing technology.

New Facility: RS updated us on possible sites: Insurance Agency site; Omega site (4 buildings);

Bagel Bakery w/ Farrington's estimate for constructions costs for discussion. SC suggested that KC check with the banks or credit unions to find out about loans and competitive rates. KC will check with the accountant to get an idea of what we can afford. SC made the motion, PR second, to authorize KC to begin the process of gathering information about loans from banks and credit unions for LCATV should we go forward with a new facility. Motion passed. PR and KC will go together to get this information, probably in July. KC will check with our accountant to discuss a down payment amount—possibly in the area of 20-30%. SC wondered if there were other fees, such as a traffic study, required by local planning or zoning boards. (check w/ Maureen to see what we should put down 20-30%) SC wonders if there are other fees (such as traffic study) required by local planning and zoning boards. Pete and Kevin will go together to get this information, probably in July.

New Business

Proposed Name Change: RS took from the conference the concept that we should serve the public with all means possible. Our current name refers to Access TV only. Other names might more accurately describe us, such as Lake Champlain Access Media. The Board briefly discussed the implications of a name change. We will table this item for now.

Policy Review:

Due to the time factor the Board was unanimously in favor of tabling this item until a later date.

Treasurer's Report:

KC presented the balance sheet for May 31, 2009. There is a CD coming due which the Board decided to renew for 18 months at a 3.25% rate.

Future Agenda Items:

There were none at this time.

Adjournment :

At 7:21 pm. RS made the motion, KT second, to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting: August 17, 2009 @ 5:30. KC will notify the Board of location.

Respectfully submitted,

Kary Towne
Secretary

Next meeting: August 17, 2009 @ _____