

Lake Champlain Access Television
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 25, 2010
Milton Municipal Offices

Present: Dick Pecor (DP), Kary Towne (KT), Peter Russom (PR), Sam Conant (SC) and Channel Director Kevin Christopher (KC)
Sharon Osier, Bob Sekerek At 6:55 George Slusser joined the meeting.

Call to Order:

DP called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm.

Approve Agenda

PS made the motion to approve the agenda , KT second. Motion approved.

Public / Board Member / Staff Comments

KC introduced Bob Sekerek to the group. He is interested in joining the Board as the government rep from Milton. DP introduced Sharon Osier from Colchester who is interested in the educational rep position. KC explained how the procedure works to get on the Board. DP will follow up on the Colchester position. KC will follow up on the Milton position.

On behalf of the LCATV Board of Directors, DP would like to recognize and thank Ron Stotyn of Milton, who recently resigned from the Board, for his excellent service to LCATV. His work was greatly appreciated.

Approve Minutes of 12/14/09 and 1/14/10

SC made the motion, PR second, to approve the minutes of 12/14/09 and 1/14/10. Motion passed.

By-Law Amendment

- a. Article 11 (Board of Directors) and Article X Fiscal Year: KC reported that these had been properly warned and are ready for action. PR made the motion to accept the proposed revisions in the bylaws, SC second. Motion passed

Old Business

- a. Service territory: Westford: LCATV will be videotaping their town meeting and will also bring the mobile lab along for people to see it. Fairfax: KC has been in touch with them about attending town meeting on Saturday. There has been no response. KC will wait for response before scheduling anything. There have been good talks with interim director at NorthWest Access TV. SC will be working with them about a show through NW Access.
- b. Web platform: KC reported that they are still working out the bugs. There has been frequent contact with CCTV to work things out.
- c. 2011 contract: KC reported that the final sector group met last week. He felt there as a modest turnout but quality information was gathered. Interviews are the next step which KC will focus on after the town meetings and election coverage.
- d. Digital media program: KC presented year end reports from both Burnham and Milton. Neil is working in Georgia producing shows and has a video club up and running. SC questioned what would be do for the libraries in Fairfax/Westford. KC has begun those

contacts and not every librarian is interested at this time. Once they see what other libraries are doing and understand the advantages, there may more interest.

- e. George is looking for 2nd camera and 2nd computer for Milton. The Board wondered about the amount of usage. KC would like to see data before decision. KC will follow up on this and get back to us via email. We did approve 2nd camera for Georgia since camera purchased last year is a discontinued model. KC discussed with Neil new vs used equipment. LCATV has a number of used cameras Neil feels would fit their needs. LCATV will be purchasing a new camera and will be able to loan out the used equipment. The Board supported this initiative.
- f. New facility exploration: DP updated Bob and Sharon on past years activities. Currently it is hard to get lenders to commit to us due to contract negotiations. How to proceed? All banks telling us the same thing—need signed contract before lending money. We will continue to follow up on leads for possible rental in Milton. KC discussed the data that our accountant prepared describing our potential position should we purchase a building. DP discussed possible alternative ways to present our budget to Comcast, but it would be prudent to discuss alternatives with others first, such as Lauren Glen Davidian, Glen Epler-Wood, etc. The next discussion point was how to continue with Mike Simoneau. Since until contract negotiations are settles, we cannot consider a purchase. We also need to discuss further our future as a buyer vs renter. Until this is settles, we are done looking for a building to purchase and are regrouping. KC will let Mike Simoneau know this.
- g. KC has ideas for the reserve fun, mobile van and staffing (trial year with outreach coordinator). A job description does exist. SC would like to see more effective use of mobile lab
- h. Lissa is running the Colchester camp this week and KC will use this structure to evaluate summer pay. KC has at least one other person who might consider employment at LCATV. He will follow up on this.

New Business:

SC wonders how our benefit package is working. It has not been reviewed for a couple of years. KCV will follow up on this.

KC presented the VAN memo from Rob Chapman VAN President : Should VAN petition the PSB on behalf of VAN Organizations? Since a monetary sum is involved, the Board has many questions about the big picture. Due to the uncertainty, SC suggested deferring this to another meeting. KC will follow up with Rob Chapman and get more information. SC made the motion, PR second, to table this item until next month. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

KC presented the balance sheet for December 31, 2009 and January 31, 2010. New funding check was received in January. LCATV opened new CD at North Country - \$ 75,000 for 9 months. Total current assets: \$448,778.47 Total Assets \$529,886.00

Future Agenda Items

- Benefit Package
- More discussion on Outreach Position (KC will bring information)
- Getting contract ideas in 1 place (Greg's work; Kevin's work; VAN ideas) DP and KC will start with conversation with Greg E-W.
- Consider planning for 3rd channel

- Continue discussion about AMO & Grand Isle

Executive Session (if needed)

No Executive Session needed.

Adjournment

SC made the motion, PR second, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kary Towne
Secretary

Next Meeting KC will send email to schedule next meeting.