

**Lake Champlain Access Television
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 18, 2012
Georgia Library**

Present: Sam Conant, Neil Hilt, Peter Russom, Bob Sekerak, Sam Conant, Carol Jones,
Kary Towne, Kevin Christopher
Public: Phil Ploof

Sam called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Approve Agenda: Peter made the motion, Carol second, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Election Results: Kevin announced that Peter was elected to a 3 year term. Neil has heard nothing from the select board about his reappointment. Kevin will follow up on this. According to our bylaws, Neil is now a non voting member. Bob made the motion, Carol second, to ratify the election. Motion passed.

Board / Public / Staff Comments: Kevin reported that some of the top views last month were spirit night and Georgia shadow puppets.

Approve minutes of 4/11/12: Bob made the motion, Pete second, to approve the minutes of 4/11/12. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Alternative funding sources: Sam has done some research on the (Albany, NY) ship restoration project but the assistance needed to make this happen is not available at this time. Kary suggested looking into partnerships with local colleges to provide workshops/trainings with college credits available. She will follow up with St Michael's and CCV to find out more details.

Kevin has collected data that might be useful in developing a generic template for use for producers approaching businesses/corporations for underwriting local projects. He would like to work with a committee. Neil volunteered to find out more information at VPT as they work with underwriters—specifics around guidelines, restrictions, policies to maintain their non-profit status. Sam and Neil volunteered to work with Kevin on this project.

Restructure: Kevin presented a draft regarding restructuring and the Board discussed the options. The Board decided they should at least consider having members at large. Any recommendations would have to become a rewritten bylaw, properly warned then voted on. We would also have to decide upon elections vs appointments. Historically few people vote in our elections. Kevin will take a look at what other boards do (appointments vs elections and how they recruit board members). He will follow up with option 2 and continue to work on details.

Future of DMP: Because of the information gathered when LCATV did community interviews ~ 18 months ago, Kevin believes this might be a good way to look at the future of the DMP. Talking with librarians and project coordinators, we could find out what worked and gather useful data. Input from librarians and coordinators is important. He will follow up with Stephanie to formulate questions.

Interviewing users could also give us good insight on what worked and identify challenges. Bob, as a former librarian, is willing to help out with this. It would be good to have this information before we approach our new towns so we have a better idea of what we should offer.

Q Vidium update: Kevin plans to get this again and use it to stream an action event, possibly a concert series from the islands. Live shots as the bike path is being repaired was another idea that might prove interesting.

Treasurer's Report: The balance sheet for May 21 was presented for review. Total current assets are \$416,534.52 with total assets of \$496,494.99. Kevin reported we are in the grace period for a CD which has matured. After brief discussion the Board agreed to renew the CD for another year. Pete will follow up with Kevin on this.

New Business:

New facility: Kevin presented information on 2 properties which several board members had visited—one in Milton and one at Creek Farm Plaza. After review, the Board felt the Creek Farm property fit our needs better than the Milton property. The Board would like to get more information on the Creek Farm property, including an estimate of costs to retrofit. Once we get more information, we will schedule a site visit for the entire Board. In the meantime, we would like our realtor to continue looking at other options.

Meeting coverage: Kevin has been in touch with the school and select boards in our new towns about our providing meeting coverage and will continue discussions on how we can provide services to them. Grand Isle select board passed a motion not to have any media coverage for their meetings. The Board debated on how to market our services to them. This could include such things as covering the summer concert series; school board meetings; articles in the Islander; ask to be put on meeting agendas; Board members attend meetings to meet locals; continue with coverage of major school events (graduations), etc. At this time, it was agreed to wait to see if there were any requests from people who live or work in Grand Isle to film their local meetings.

Future agenda Items:

- Follow up on Grand Isle meetings.
- Recruitment of board members
- Board restructure / board stipends
- Property issues / options for relocation of LCATV
- VAN: Sam is now on their Board—what can we bring to VAN? They have hired a liaison to advocate at statewide level.

Executive Session: There was no need for an Executive Session.

Adjournment: At 7:20 pm Carol made the motion, Bob second, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kary Towne
Secretary