## Lake Champlain Access Television Meeting of the Board of Directors March 31, 2014 Colchester Studio

Present: Dick Pecor, Ken Rocheleau, Neil Hilt, Kary Towne, Bob Sekerak, Kevin Christopher, Bob Shea, Carol Ann Jones, Buddy Meilleur, Rebecca Padula (presentation)

- 1. Call to order
  - a. Dick called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.
- 2. Approve Agenda
  - a. KC suggested we see Rebecca Padula when she come in for her presentation. NH made the motion, KR second, to approve the agenda with this change. Motion passed.
- 3. Public/Board Member/Staff Comments
  - a. KC reported that town meeting day has wrapped up with 17 forums scheduled-- 7 done in partnership with a local paper. Overall it went well.
  - b. The Grand Isle Select Board came in for interviews and LCATV will start covering G.I. select board meetings this month.
  - c. As of tomorrow Maggie Triggs goes full time.
  - d. LCATV is now bumped up to the full 5% funding which we will see in the July check from Comcast.
- 4. Approve Minutes of 2/13/14
  - a. Bob Se made the motion, NH second, to approve the minutes of 2/13/14. Motion passed.
- 5. Old Business
  - a. Alternative funding, underwriting and sponsorship: LCATV hosted a performance this past month—a one-man storyteller. We are hoping these opportunities increase over time.
  - b. *Future of digital media program*: There is nothing new to add. The equipment has changed significantly since the program's inception. At some point the Board needs to discuss our commitment now that we serve 8 towns.
  - c. New outreach opportunities: The Milton history project is getting underway. There was a successful kick off round table discussion at MHS which will be the basis on which to move forward. Gary Furlong, the contact person, will get students involved in the process. In other news there is a 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day program planned. This will be done in conjunction with Camp Johnson. Our gallery exhibit opens tomorrow with a reception planned for May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is also the date of the VAN annual meeting in Montpelier. Kevin gave a brief overview of VAN to the newer members.
  - d. Third channel: The third channel launches tomorrow.
  - e. *Policy 4: LCATV Programming Priorities*-revisions second reading and action: KC presented the changes suggested from last meeting and reviewed it with Board members for discussion and action. Carol made the motion, Bob Se second, to approve Policy 4: LCATV Programming Priorities as presented by KC tonight. Motion passed.

- 6. New Board of Directors Terms Proposal: The Board agreed to table this item until next meeting.
- 7. Treasurer's Report
  - a. CJ reviewed the February financials with total assets of \$585,447.03. She indicated that we're on budget for the year so far.
- 8. New Business
  - a. *Access Orientation*: Rebecca Padula presented the access orientation program to the Board as we were all interested in the process. Thank you, Rebecca !
- 9. Future Agenda Items:
  - a. The Board members brain stormed many ideas
    - i. Building upgrades?
    - ii. Long term ideas for the art gallery
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> channel
    - iv. Staffing
    - v. Big ticket items:
      - 1. HD camera equipment
      - 2. Equipment upgrades
      - 3. Building in funding when we negotiate CPG / capital plan
      - 4. What are our goals? Long term / short term
      - 5. Board retreat?
      - 6. Studio lights
      - 7. More server space
      - 8. How to keep up with technology
      - 9. Maintaining our relevance.
- 10. Executive Session (Personnel Matters)
  - At 7:45 pm Carol Jones made the motion, Bob Sh second, to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters, inviting Buddy Meilleur to attend. Motion approved. At 7:54 Carol made the motion, Bob Sh second, to exit Executive Session. There was no action as a result of Executive Session
- 11. Adjournment At 7:55 pm Neil made the motion, Bob Se second, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned. KC will contact us to schedule our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kary Towne Secretary