Catamount Access Television Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Monday, June 28, 2021

- 1. Alex Burke convened the meeting via video conference at 4:02pm with the following members present; Tim Scoggins, Marcia Noyes, Robert Ebert, Sarah Perrin, Dave LaChance, Greg Van Houten, Lisa Byer Executive Director and William Gardner Operations Manager. Jenna Caslin was absent.
- **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Alex Burke asked for approval of the March 22, 2021, Board Minutes. Alex noted that the meetings of April 26th and May 24th did not have a quorum, were therefore adjourned and no minutes were generated.

MOTION: GREG VAN HOUTEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2021, BOARD MEETING. SARAH PERRIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED.

3. FINANCE REPORT: Lisa presented the finance report for the month and answered questions of the board. William provided details on additional revenues.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- a. The facility reopening is being based on the completion of the studio renovations. It is anticipated that we will reopen in July and the staff is working to develop COVID policies and protocol for use of the facility.
- b. Lisa provided an update on the facility repairs. Additional quotes are being sought for the driveway paving and that will be prioritized for next spring. The house painting will be done this year with the final phase either being completed this year or next spring. The upstairs bathroom repair is still on hold given the availability of the plumber. The studio renovations are underway.
- c. Lisa reported that while the full appeal of the FCC order failed in circuit court but the ruling did benefit PEG in that the "in kind" services will need to be based on the cable companies "marginal costs" and not full market value. VAN continues to work on advocacy issues and is currently working on the state 10-year Telecommunication Plan. Lisa issued comments on behalf of CAT-TV.
- d. The annual board elections are coming up for the seats of Robert Ebert, Sarah Perrin and Jenna Caslin. Robert will not be seeking another term; Jenna will rerun, and Sarah Perrin has reached term limits. Lisa asked the board for suggestions for nominations, and she will follow up with several possibilities.
- *e.* Lisa is working to complete the draft bylaw revisions for the committee and board review. She continues to work to renew memberships and update the membership database. The renewal audit has brought in \$960 to date.
- f. William reported on the success of being awarded the Southshire Youth Grant for video training. He is working with Josh to launch the program in the fall. The Chester Hickok Scholarship was awarded to a student who will be attending an adult program at Southwest Tech next year.
- g. Lisa was happy to announce that CAT-TV was awarded as an Unsung Hero by the Bennington Banner.
- *h.* The board will continue with a hybrid model of in person and zoom meetings until further notice. They also decided not to skip the July board meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Greg Van Houten notified the board of the efforts of Mike Cutler to use the archived footage accumulated by CAT-TV to put together a promotional video of Bennington for entry into the T-Mobile community grant award. The video is also playing on the channels and is on the YouTube page.
- *b.* Marcia Noyes thanked William Gardner for his efforts for CAT-TV to be awarded the Southshire Youth Grant.

<u>MOTION:</u> GREG VAN HOUTEN MOVED TO ADJORN THE MEETING. SARAH PERRIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING ADJORNED AT 4:47PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Marcia Noyes, Secretary