

Catamount Access Television Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 26, 2024

1. **Tim Scoggins convened the meeting in person and via video conference at 4:04 pm with the following members present; Dan Cross, Frank Barnes, Jack Rossiter-Munley, Sarah Krinsky, Greg Van Houten, Lisa Byer, Executive Director and William Gardner – Operations Manager.**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tim Scoggins asked for approval of the Board Minutes for June 24, 2024, July 23, 2024, and August 5, 2024.

MOTION: GREG VAN HOUTEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2024, JULY 23, 2024, AND AUGUST 5, 2024, AS AMMENDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. DAN CROSS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED.

3. **FINANCE REPORT:** Lisa reviewed the financial reports and answered questions from the board. William presented the draft budget for review and discussion prior to the board vote in September.
4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** The Director's report was distributed to the board prior to the meeting for their review. Lisa highlighted the activities of the staff. She noted that she completed a statewide report, that the board election is underway and informed the board that Asa Morin has resigned from the board due to personal reasons. She will be researching opening the CD for investment interest and is working on the liability waiver for after hour access. She mentioned that Sunrise Family Resources has continued to express interest in purchasing the Barn. Lisa plans to seek answers to what would be involved. The Pownal meeting coverage agreement has been completed. Battle Day coverage went well and included parade coverage as well as many ancillary events as part of production work commemorating the 250th anniversary of the battle. She mentioned that they are working with the Vt. Department of Labor to train a local refugee, Nasir, from Afghanistan through a connection from Jack Rossiter-Munley at ECDC. Nasir will be trained on production equipment, archiving programs and producing 5 refugee centric programs. Lisa noted that the Comcast quarterly funding was down about 3% from last quarter. She also announced that programs that are streamed live on our Boxcast device are also sent to Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire which is a feature the staff plans on promoting to viewers.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** Lisa provided an update regarding social media comments as it relates to coverage of the Bennington Select Board on Facebook. She informed the Town of the Board's motion to allow turning off social media comments upon receipt of written request. The matter is listed on the Bennington Select Board's agenda under the Town Manager's report as an action item for this evening's meeting. There was additional discussion with no action taken.

MOTION: GREG VAN HOUTEN MOVED TO ADJORN THE MEETING. DAN CROSS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING ADJORNED AT 5:43PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sarah Krinsky, Secretary