

Catamount Access Television Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 24, 2023

- 1. Tim Scoggins convened the meeting via video conference at 4:02 pm with the following members present; Dave LaChance, Greg Van Houten, Sarah Krinsky, Alex Burke, Lisa Byer – Executive Director and William Gardner – Operations Manager. Asa Morin was absent.**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tim Scoggins asked for approval of the Board Minutes of March 27, 2023.

MOTION: GREG VAN HOUTEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2023, BOARD MEETING. DAVE LACHANCE SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED.

- 3. FINANCE REPORT:** Lisa reviewed the financial reports for the month of March 2023 and answered questions from the board including expenses related to the server upgrade and discussion regarding fundraising.
- 4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** The Director's report was distributed to the board prior to the meeting for their review. Lisa reviewed the staff reports including a new show with the Guiding Eyes for the Blind, planning as part of the 250th Bennington Battle anniversary, and documentation of Tony's position and tasks.

Lisa reported that VAN is slated to receive the bridge funding request of \$1M from the state budget once it has passed thoroughly. There is also work continuing the introduction of a bill to support PEG funding. Lisa and William have crafted a job posting for Tony's position that will go out early May. They are hopeful of finding qualified candidates given the current workforce. Lisa reported that Mike met with CASTUS again regarding the ongoing technical issues with the cloud-based services. They continue to assure the staff that the issues will be resolved.

Lisa opened the Certificate of Deposit as planned with \$200k for 13 months. She will be reaching out to Alex Burke and Greg Van Houten for additional signatures for the other accounts with M&T Bank. Lisa distributed the CAT-TV Chester Hickok Scholarship paperwork and understands that there are several students who plan to apply. She also continues to work on renewing and recruiting members and has developed a good system for that process. Discussion ensued regarding hiring someone to manage/recruit membership. In the short term, Lisa can handle the task and the priority is to replace Tony. Finding someone with a focus on outreach/fundraising/membership is a longer-term goal.

Rep. Mary Morrissey has asked Lisa and the staff to come to Montpelier for the presentation of Lisa's 25th anniversary House Resolution. They are working to coordinate the trip and are looking forward to shining a light on CAT-TV's work. The team is planning to attend the Alliance for Community Media national conference in Brooklyn this June since it is so close and more cost effective than other conferences. Lisa explained the benefits for her and the staff attending, and the board was supportive. Lisa and members of the staff also plan to attend the VAN Annual Meeting in Rutland on May 6th.

The board agreed to hold the May 22nd board meeting with William standing in for Lisa due to a personal conflict. Lisa will provide the board documents in advance of the meeting.

5. **MOTION: GREG VAN HOUTEN MOVED TO ADJORN THE MEETING. ALEX BURKE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING ADJORNED AT 4:36PM.**

Respectfully submitted by,
Sarah Krinsky, Secretary