

Catamount Access Television Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2019

1. **The meeting convened at 4:00pm with the following members present; Drew Totten, Robert Ebert, Alex Burke, Sarah Perrin, Marcia Noyes, Tim Scoggins, Lisa Byer – Executive Director and William Gardner – Operations Manager. Willy Jones was absent.**
2. **EMPLOYEE STATEMENT:** Ryan Scutt presented a statement to the Board in response to their concerns of his planned follow up to the Puerto Rico relief effort documentary. The Board thanked him for his comments.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Drew Totten asked for approval of the April 22, 2019 Board Minutes.

MOTION: TIM SCOGGINS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2019 BOARD MEETING. MARCIA NOYES SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED.

4. **FINANCE REPORT:** Lisa presented the finance report for month ending April 2019 answered questions of the board.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Lisa Byer provided highlights of her report, which is attached and formally submitted with these minutes.

- a. *Overview:* Lisa updated the Board on the recent personnel changes and reported that Beq will leave as of June 1st to relocate to Worcester, MA, Ryan will leave July 26th to accept the Video Production position at the CDC and Alex will also leave as of July 26th. She reported that while it is difficult to lose 3 employees simultaneously, she is confident that the organization will be able to restructure and continue to operate without disruption. She added that these departures greatly help with the need to make budget cuts that were anticipated in the coming year. She and William will be work to determine core services, the best strategies forward and will work to ensure a smooth transition in the coming months.
- b. Lisa and William are working with a plumber to determine a budget for needed repairs to the upstairs bathroom sewer line. They will weigh that quote against the planned house painting expenses.
- c. Lisa provided an update regarding the pending proposed FCC Rulemaking and noted that she is waiting to learn when the FCC will address the rulemaking. There will be one month notice to learn whether the issue is on the agenda for consideration. As it stands now, the earliest that the rule would take effect is September. Given that and the quarterly payments from Comcast, CAT-TV wouldn't see the effects of funding changes until March of 2020. Local statewide efforts to mitigate funding losses continue and VAN was successful in getting a Legislative Study Committee formed as part of the Broadband Bill. Work to strategize and plan for outcomes of the study committee is ongoing.
- d. Lisa updated the revenue generating initiatives currently in place.

MOTION: TIM SCOGGINS MOVED TO ADJORN THE MEETING. ALEX BURKE SECONDED. THE MEETING ADJORNED AT 5:04PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Willy Jones, Secretary