

Catamount Access Television Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 23, 2024

1. **Tim Scoggins convened the meeting in person and via video conference at 4:12 pm with the following members present; Dan Cross, Frank Barnes, Greg Van Houten, Lisa Byer, Executive Director and William Gardner – Operations Manager. Jack Rossiter-Munley and Sarah Krinsky were absent.**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tim Scoggins asked for approval of the Board Minutes for August 26, 2024, meeting.

MOTION: GREG VAN HOUTEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2024. 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. Lisa and William presented the budget for approval. There was discussion regarding declining cable revenue and earmarking monies for marketing and revenue generating initiatives.

MOTION: GREG VAN HOUTEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED. DAN CROSS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED.

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 announced that the Board Elections concluded and both Dan Cross and Sarah Krinsky were re-elected to the board. Lisa discussed the options for opening another investment CD considering FDIC coverage limits and it was decided that the available funds would be divided between the existing bank accounts and CDs would be opened within those banks. She will notify the officers of the process to update account signers.

Lisa presented a liability waiver and after-hour policy for adoption by the board. There was discussion regarding adjusting the documents for situations such as Southwest Tech students.

MOTION: DAN CROSS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CAT-TV AFTER HOURS STUDIO ACCESS RULES AND REGULATIONS. GREG VAN HOUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: DAN CROSS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CAT-TV LIABILITY WAIVER FOR USE OF THE BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT. GREG VAN HOUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: DAN CROSS MOVED TO APPROVE AFTER HOURS ACCESS TO RYAN SCUTT AS PRESENTED. FRANK BARNES SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED.

Lisa provided an update on Nasir who is a refugee working with CAT-TV through the Department of Labor.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** Lisa provided an update on the issue with the Town of Bennington and Facebook comments on CAT-TV's coverage of the Bennington Select Board Meetings. The Town's communication manager asked Lisa to bring the issue back to the CAT-TV board for further discussion and to consider additional solutions. Discussion ensued and no action was taken.

MOTION: GREG VAN HOUTEN MOVED TO ADJORN THE MEETING. DAN CROSS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING ADJORNED AT 5:22PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sarah Krinsky, Secretary