

Minutes – BCTV Annual Members Meeting– September 16, 2020 - FINAL

Respectfully submitted by Bob Gammon

Board Attendees: Lynn Barrett, Alex Beck, Marty Cohn, Bob Gammon, Leah Goodman, Chris Lenois				Location: Zoom	
Absent:				Call to order: 6:00 pm	
Staff Attendees: Cor Trowbridge, Vlasta Popelka, Brian Bashaw, Nolan Edgar				Called to order by: Chris Lenois	
Public Attendees: 35 Zoom participants (list attached)				Adjourn: 6:55 PM	
Agenda Topic	Motion	Moved	Second	Discussion	Vote
Welcoming Remarks from Board Chair				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Lenois opened the meeting and recognized current board members attending. • Elections: Elections were held prior to the meeting by e-ballot for two open At-Large seats. Voting results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Lenois: 19 votes • George Anthes: 17 votes • No write-in candidates were received • Both were elected to serve 3-year terms 	As Elected
“State of the Station” report by E.D.				<p>Cor Trowbridge presented the FY20 State of the Station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happened with pending threats? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cable funding decline • Comcast CPG terms (new channel numbers) • Municipal Center retro • Also: Comcast purchase of SVC • FY20 was on track to be a banner year for BCTV • COVID-19 response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • huge demand for BCTV technical services • hundreds of shows produced online/at home, graduations • All staff remained on payroll with PPP loan. • Reopening: limited facility use, major livestream productions by staff • Video of “Pandemic Edition” productions created in shutdown 	
Member Business & Comments:				<p>Chris Lenois read and responded to comments and questions submitted with board ballots.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How are you getting such great media? Also, how many more shows can Marty Cohn do?</i> 	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The move to the basement...is it still in the works?</i> • <i>Will BCTV board members receive an annual payment/stipend for their services going forward, as more boards around VT seek to professionalize?</i> • <i>Thanks, Chris, for your continued commitment to BCTV. George, I read no further down your extensive list of achievements and qualifications than WVEW lpfm to earn my vote. Welcome.</i> • <i>Keep up good work, invest in some laptops w editing software so people don't have to come in to work</i> • <i>You do a great job! I'm impressed.</i> <p>Chris saluted outgoing board members:</p> <p>Pauline Dean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed March 2015 • Served as Secretary for 3 years • Was on the Personnel Committee, instrumental in developing our new Employee Handbook. • Accompanied me making presentations to libraries and selectboards about BCTV during one of our contract renewals. <p>Jesse Kreitzer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed January 2018 • Along with being a professional filmmaker, had been a municipal meeting producer at a large PEG station in Newton MA in his college years, so had firsthand knowledge of what we were asking our field staff to do. • Very knowledgeable about video production equipment and advocated for producers and staff as a member of the Equipment Committee. • As Program Instructor for the Film and Digital Editing Program at the Windham Regional Career Center, provided a bridge to BCTV for that program. <p>Jim Verzino</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed August 2015 • Producer of 'Greater Good Entrepreneur' for which he was awarded 'Series of the Year' in 2016. This was our
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Vlasta's Farewell Party				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Lenois talked about the importance of Vlasta's institutional memory and for making him feel welcome. • Cor Trowbridge read prepared remarks • See chat transcript from Zoom • Comments received via Facebook Live 	
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