

Minutes – BCTV Annual Members Meeting– September 13, 2023 - FINAL

Respectfully submitted by Bob Gammon

Board Attendees: George Anthes, Alex Beck, Bob Gammon, Garret Harkawik				Location: Brattleboro Municipal Center, Room 306	
Absent: Lynn Barrett				Call to order: 6:10 pm	
Staff Attendees: Cor Trowbridge, Nolan Edgar, Helena Leschuck, Van Wile				Called to order by: Alex Beck	
Public Attendees: Nancy Wolfe, Wendy O’Connell, David Blistein, Francesca Bourgault				Adjourn: 6:45 PM	
Agenda Topic	Motion	Moved	Second	Discussion	Vote
Welcoming Remarks from Board Chair				<p>The meeting opened with a slideshow from the past year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board President Alex Beck opened the meeting and recognized board members attending. ● Alex’s remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There’s no better time to join the BCTV board than right now - we have three board members stepping down and the organization is in a strong position. - Alex announced the impending retirement of E.D. Cor Trowbridge after 18 years in the position. This will cause uncertainty, but it also brings opportunity for a new vision. - Please join us at the Producer Party on November 8th at The Stone Church - Introduced E.D. Cor Trowbridge 	
“State of the Station” report by E.D.				<p>Cor Trowbridge presented the FY23 State of the Station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BCTV is in great shape! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Channel numbers changed (again) in 10/22 and Production Manager Brian Bashaw moved on 11/22, but BCTV will be the first in VT to receive HD channels from Comcast; Nolan Edgar is new PM and Van Wile was hired as Content Manager. - We sustained momentum and built new partnerships: Vermontude, Daily News block, Gallery Walk, Town Matters podcast - our first audio-only program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1300 hours/1350 local programs ● 200th episode of ‘Here We Are’ ● Youth engagement back to pre-COVID levels 	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Awards - 5th time receiving Overall Excellence Award in our budget category, Town won Government Profile ● Revenues - SVC territory reached 5% 1/1/23; Grant from legislature to all PEG stations; Brattleboro territory revenues decreased \$20,000. ● Expenses - increased staffing and general inflation costs ● Membership rates back to simplified levels. ● Municipal Center - looked at other locations but most cost-effective to stay here, future of building is less uncertain. ● Studio equipment will be replaced this fall (including curtain!) ● State and federal update: VAN advocates for a new funding mechanism at the state level as cable revenues decline. Federal threats to funding remain on the horizon. ● Cor's update: BCTV is in great shape, and it's time for me to find my next role. It has been my privilege to work side by side with the board, staff, and crew to make BCTV the vital and well-respected local media resource that we are today. 	
Member Business & Board Elections:				<p>- Alex Beck introduced the Member Business section of the meeting.</p> <p>- Elections were held prior to the meeting by e-ballot for two open At-Large seats. Voting results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● George Anthes: 22 votes ● Nancy Wolfe: 23 votes <p>- George was re-elected for a three-year term. Nancy was elected to a one-year term to fill Leah Goodman's seat.</p> <p>Comments and questions submitted with board ballots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Just appreciation for the amazing job Cor Trobridge has done to continue to improve our community TV station. Kudos to her and all the amazing employees and volunteers.</i> ● <i>Very happy with the operations.</i> ● <i>Great staff, experienced, professional, and helpful. Hoping you can find other ways of support for those who have</i> 	As Elected

				<p><i>kicked Comcast out of the house and have gone another direction. Will try to personally donate for revenue loss.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Thank you for being a wonderful, professional community resource :)</i> <p>Alex asked for any other comments or questions from anyone in the room.</p>	
Adjournment to the Annual Meeting of the Board	6:45 pm			The Annual Members Meeting was adjourned. The public were invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Board, directly following in the same location.	Pass