

Minutes – BCTV Board of Directors Meeting – August 9, 2023 - FINAL

Respectfully submitted by Bob Gammon

Board Attendees: George Anthes, Alex Beck, Marty Cohn, Garret Harkawik				Location: Zoom	
Absent: Bob Gammon, Lynn Barrett, Reggie Martell. (Leah McGrath Goodman resigned 6/24/23)				Call to order: 6:05 PM	
Staff Attendees: Cor Trowbridge				Called to order by: Alex Beck	
Public Attendees: none				Adjourn: 6:45 PM	
Agenda Topic	Motion	Moved	Second	Discussion	Vote
Public Input				None	
Schedule Next Meeting				September 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM in person in Room 306 of the Municipal Center. This will be the Annual Members Meeting, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Board.	
Consent Agenda	Motion to accept all items in the Consent Agenda.	MC	GA	<p>As submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes of 6/14/23 ● Executive Director's Report ● Monthly Financial Reports at 8.5% of fiscal year. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● George met with Cor as Interim Treasurer to review the monthly financials. Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comcast's Q1 & Q2 payments for the Brattleboro territory were the same - our FY24 budgeting based on significant Q1 decline will be accurate. Down 9% or \$20K from previous years. ○ State of VT FY24 Budget includes 1x payment to VAN to offset cable revenue decline. Cor noted that it is likely to take years to pass another funding mechanism. ○ Bequest distribution still not received. ○ Corporate brokerage account - George and Cor will take steps to set up. Already have board approval. ○ Cor and Helena working on FY23 Financial Statement/Form 990 with accountant. 	4-0-0

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Marty asked whether the awards we've received have been promoted on the channel. They have been on Facebook and on our channel bulletin board. ● Alex noted that Helena asked him to sign checks in Cor's absence - shows good initiative. ● Garrett asked to see the details on the studio camera choice. Cor will forward. 	
Old Business					
New Business					
Nominating Committee	Motion to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and to make an exception to the 30-day membership requirement for Nancy Wolfe.	MC	GH	<p>Alex reported on the nomination of Nancy Wolfe as an at-large board member, to be elected in September. They are a documentary filmmaker and archivist who moved to the area in the pandemic and would like to get involved.</p> <p>The Committee has other ideas for potential board members who could be elected as appointees later in the year.</p> <p>The current board members up for re-election to 3-year terms will be George Anthes, who has agreed to stay on as Treasurer, and Reggie Martell.</p>	6-0-0
Annual Meeting Planning				<p>Based on last year's low public attendance, this year the Annual Meeting will be a single in-person meeting with two parts:</p> <p>Annual Members Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State of the Station report ● Member Comments ● Election of Board members (announcement of e-ballot results). <p>Adjourn to: Annual Meeting of the board - public welcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review of Financial Statement, ● Election of Slate of Officers ● Conflict of Interest Statements. <p>It will be recorded but not livestreamed.</p>	

Announcements				<p>This was Marty Cohn’s last board meeting, as he has chosen not to seek re-appointment after his second 3-year term. Cor thanked Marty for working closely with staff, being a producing board member, and notably for singlehandedly hosting ‘Meet the Candidates’ for three election cycles. Marty is stepping down from board work but may continue hosting.</p> <p>Leah Goodman resigned in July after five years on the board and three as Treasurer. Leah brought tremendous energy and commitment to BCTV’s mission, and the organization greatly benefited from her expertise in journalism and finance.</p> <p>We will miss Leah and Marty and thank them for helping move BCTV forward as an institution.</p>	
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm	MC	GH	Marty’s last motion!	4-0-0