CATV Board Meeting
November 21, 2013
Tip Top Studio, White River Jct, VT

Present:
Board Members: Rob Gere, Paul Boucher, Mike Murray, Ron Byron, Margaret Jacobs
Frank Jones, Linda Carbino
Staff: Bob Franzoni

Unofficial Start: 5:32pm

1. 2nd Annual Halloween-a-thon – 21 entries and a full house at the Wilder Center; next year plan for two sessions. Next is the Music Video contest the first week in March and the 48 hr film slam with WRIF in April.
2. Open House at CATV December 12.
3. Other: February and April CATV is hosting mini vacation camp. The Hartland Wildcat Kids and Lebanon High School are starting TV shows. Hired a Hartland Tech student part-time for graphics, etc. CATV won a national award for the Carter Documentary. Currently working with Historic New England on a project of one-room schoolhouses in Norwich.

Official Start: 5:39pm
2. Treasurer’s Report. Rates went up for Comcast and so increased for CATV. Approved.
3. Comcast Contract. Bob recaps process. Comcast approved the request of 5% operating with no capital for 5 years. Bob would like to ask for a side letter about spike funding so CATV doesn’t set a precedent with other stations. Discussion about spike funding and wording. Board decides to pass the contract as worded. Linda moves to approve, Ron seconds. All in favor, approved.
4. Healthcare. Discussion about part-time employees and what would be offered for benefits. Board decides to cover up to 90% of the platinum plan for fulltime employees. Ron moves to approve, Linda seconds. All in favor, approved. Board decides to revisit discussion of part-time employees at next meeting.
5. 2014 CATV Budget. Bob presents budget and asks permission to come back with NH numbers if needed. Paul moves to approve, Mike seconds. Accepted.
6. Tightrope Media System. Bob proposes to use extra money in budget to upgrade system. Runs HD and SD; would create a more professional looking station. Planned to upgrade in 3 years but CATV currently has the money. Mike moves that we upgrade the system up to $50,000, Frank seconds, no comments. Approved.

7. Other? December 12 board meeting to discuss healthcare. 5:30pm.

8. Meeting adjourned. 6:52