Minutes of the CATV meeting, April 11, 2017

Board members present: Board Members: Peggy Allen, Chair; Linda Carbino, Margaret Jacobs, Barbara Krinitz, and Sarah Welsch. Mike Murray joined the meeting before 6:00 pm.

Staff Present: Bob Franzoni, Sophie Bodnar

Start Time: 5:30 pm

The meeting began with Peggy’s request for nominations for the four officers of the Board of CATV. Sarah nominated Peggy to be Chair, Margaret offered to be Treasurer, Sarah volunteered to be Secretary, and Linda agreed to be Vice-Chair, and all four accepted and were elected unanimously.

Bob handed out the Treasurer’s Report, consisting of the standard reports: the Statement of Activities: “Budget vs. Actual” (2 pages), and “Statement of Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets,” all for the last quarter period, January through March 2017. Bob recommended keeping the CD currently at Lake Sunapee Bank in case we lose the Comcast funding this year (that funding would deposit $30,000 within one month if we keep this funding. A motion was made to follow Bob’s suggestion by Linda, and Barb seconded it. All voted unanimously to accept the motion.

Bob then raised the topic of the Awards Ceremony, now scheduled for April 25th at 5:30pm, where we will select the organizations and volunteer producers for awards. This event will not be streamed live, but will be taped.

Next up for discussion was the 48 hour film slam: the kick-off is on April 24, held in conjunction with WRIF and Northern Stage. The performances will be the June 4th weekend, and CATV’s films will air after the WRIF films screenings. The films have a maximum length but there is no limit to the number of films eligible.

Transition: Donna will be here this Friday (April 14th) to meet the staff, and meet with the accountant and Bob.

New Staffing Issues: Sophie is leaving on May 26th to move out of state! Discussion followed on what is being arranged going forward, Sophie got Dillon and other staffers to help in setting up the work in the coming months, and Kali Covell (who was head counselor in 2016 at Video Camp) will head it this summer. In the next few months we will also have a big push in special events to be covered: all school graduations, concerts and the end of May, beginning of June. Donna will be here by May 1st, which is good timing. And the main summer non-governmental filming is Osher Institute at Dartmouth, which Brianna has covered, according to Bob.
Comcast: Vermont told them we need interactive program guide, but dues for this are high, $1,500 annually. Further information and discussion may be needed here, including on the Certificate of Public Good.

On Friday, May 5th Vermont Access Network is coming to CATV for the VAN annual meeting from 9 am to 3 pm, where Bob will introduce Donna, on what will be his last day with us. We will be streaming it live as well.

Two more items of note: “Videon” is up and the Hanover live feed is working well.

And we have eight computers here at CATV that are not up to date, should not be used anymore, and have $0 value. Discussion followed as to what to do with them, including give them to Wincycle in Windsor, VT.

At this point just as we were winding down, several new people entered the meeting room, in the midst of which Peggy closed the meeting with a motion from Linda and seconded by Barb, and ending at 5:55 pm for the start of the Farewell Surprise Party for Bob, to which a good number of friends and CATV family came.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Welsch, Secretary