

CACSCC Regular Meeting
2/25/21

Present

Peter Charland, Tom Dacey, Stephen Fuest, Margot Hardenbergh, John Hartwell, David Weinberg, John Woods

Call to Order

7:03pm

Welcome

Chair welcomes the group to GCTV.

Comcast Report

There was no Comcast report. Correspondence from Comcast announced a page on their Xfinity website that they announce channel changes. Cartoon Network coming off of digital basic and put on expanded.

Secretary's Report

Tom moved to approve the Secretary's Report. Peter seconded. Steve abstained. Motion carries.

Speakers

Peter Charland. Peter has been speaking to Chuck Lewis about resource sharing. There are advocacy groups forming to promote the interests of public access television with the legislature.

Correspondence

Tom received current bank statement.

Public Comments

None. Discussion followed about an inquiry Rob Becker made to Matt Skane about internet access and equipment. There was discussion about Comcast placing data caps on internet.

Treasurer's Report

Tom presented the current treasurer's report and corrected the previous report.

Frontier Meeting

Steve: No meeting last month. There is a meeting tonight which interfered with CACSCC meeting. The group has not met in awhile. Meetings have been moved to Thursday which is making it more difficult to attend.

Tom distributed the funds from the CACSCC savings account to the towns.
Margot asked that the meeting schedule be updated on the CACSCC website

New Business

Margot indicated we need someone from North Branford, North Haven and East Haven to be members of CACSCC. Peter asked about interest in supporting the efforts of the consortium that is looking at alternative sources of funding. Discussion followed. David suggested inviting someone from the consortium to speak at the next meeting. Discussion followed about scope of consortium and their perceived process. Discussion followed about how stations are handling cord cutters and its effect on funding and how we provide content to the community. John H, Peter, David and Margot to get together prior to April meeting to map out a strategic plan for future funding structures. John Hartwell indicated BCTV is doing a strategic vision on fundraising and it may be beneficial to have them share that with the group. More discussion followed. David indicated we could hold special meetings or workshops on these topics.

Town Reports

Guilford: Producer who writes his own short stories performed them for the camera. Other content coming as digital downloads from Dropbox. David talked about doing training videos.

Branford: Station continues to help with other productions from Blackstone Library. Streaming town meetings on cable and internet.

David suggested that hosts share a video at the beginning of each meeting to show some of the content coming from their station.

Public Comments / Announcements

None

Adjourn

Tom moved to adjourn. John Woods seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Gale