

Cable Advisory Council of South Central CT, Inc.
P.O. Box 248
Northford, CT 06472-0248

MINUTES-AUGUST 24, 2017

Attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debbie Donofrio (East Haven), David Weinberg (Guilford), Steve Fuest (Madison), John Woods (Madison), Mary Bigelow (North Branford), Mike Parisi (North Haven), Laura Parisi (Wallingford), Matt Skane (Comcast), Alden Mead (Via Telephone)

REGRETS:

Thomas Dacey (Wallingford), Margot Hardenbergh.

GUESTS:

Walter Mann (North Haven), Janet Betta (North Haven), Doug Sisson (Branford), Rob Baldo (North Haven).

Call To Order: David Weinberg(Chairman) called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Weinberg said meeting might be recessed later pending vote of absent member. Walter Mann welcomed everyone to the BCTV Studios and show a short video about the upcoming, 3rd Annual Tour de Branford 15 and 40 mile bicycle tour fundraiser to benefit BCTV.

Public Comment: None.

Comcast Report: Matt Skane (Comcast) introduced himself and stated he began his new position with Comcast on 8-1-17. Skane provided updates from Comcast (see attached), including highlighting their "Internet Essentials" program. Skane also mentioned some customer complaints that he has resolved.

Guest Speaker: Laura Parisi spoke and showed some of her stunning pictures of the solar eclipse. Discussion ensued.

Approval of Minutes of June, 2017 CACSCC Meeting:

Chairman Weinberg asked if there were any comments or corrections to Minutes. There were none. Steve Fuest made a motion to approve. Laura Parisi seconded. Chairman Weinberg said motion passed unanimously (including vote via telephone from CACSCC member Alden Mead).

Correspondence:

- Steve Fuest (Madison) letter of reappointment (two years) was received.
- Discussion ensued, including reminding all that Comcast issues required P.E.G. fees to the recognized P.E.G. access providers on a quarterly basis, either via EFT or hard check.
- Received appointment letter from Comcast re: Matt Skane.
- Reminder: Appointment letters needed for Mike Parisi and Alden Mead.

Treasurer's Report:

-Budget Submitted/Proposed by Thomas Dacey. Chairman Weinberg asked for a motion to approve. Laura Parisi made a motion to approve. John Woods seconded. Chairman Weinberg said motion passed unanimously (including vote via telephone from CACSCC member Alden Mead).

EXPENSES: See Treasurer's Report.

Steve Fuest inquired about CACSCC Media Liability Insurance issue. It was decided that Steve Fuest would write proposal and that it would be put on and discussed at the October CACSCC meeting.

Frontier/Statewide Council Report:

Steve Fuest said the Statewide Video Advisory Council (SVAC) meeting on 8/23/17 was short. Fuest asked Matt Skane (Comcast) about whether Comcast would be contributing \$2k annually to the SVAC. Skane said he would look into it.

Other Business:

-Mary Bigelow asked that CACSCC send solicitations to CACSCC members to try to find new/additional members who would join CACSCC.

Town Reports:

-BCTV/Branford: Walter Mann mentioned that BCTV will hold its Third Annual "Tour de Branford" 15 and 40 mile bicycle tour on 9-24-17. The fundraiser will benefit BCTV. Debates are being planned as is live local BCTV election coverage for the upcoming municipal elections. BCTV currently has two interns from SCSU.

-Totoket TV/North Branford: Walter Mann stated that Totoket TV currently has two interns from SCSU. Totoket TV has been busy taping Town meetings, as well as some adult education classes that provide important information to viewers.

-NHTV/North Haven: Michael Parisi (North Haven) stated that NHTV is doing the NHTV Chowder Building and Meatball Shack at the North Haven Fair 9/7-9/10 for the fifth year now. NHTV is doing coverage of all North Haven High School Football Games (Home Games). As well, live election coverage is planned for November (NHTV has been doing annual live local election coverage since 1989). NHTV's Fruit Fundraiser is starting soon for the holidays. Also, NHTV currently has two interns from SCSU.

-MCAG/Madison: Steve Fuest said they are now in the midst of their 36th year of taping Hand High School Football games. Also, Fuest stated that MCAG just purchased a new HD version of a Leightronix Ultra HD Nexus Automation System for their educational access channel.

-ETV/East Haven: Debbie Donofrio stated that ETV tapes all Town meetings, and is planning to tape the upcoming fall festival. ETV staff member Jan Lee has left ETV. She was replaced by a new staff member, Nick. ETV is dropping YouTube as their online video platform. ETV plans to cover the East Haven local election season.

-GCTV/Guilford: David Weinberg stated GCTV has several active high school interns. They received a grant to produce a show on public transportation. Weinberg said they are planning for local election season coverage and have cleaned up/reorganized their studio.

-WPAA/Wallingford: No report.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment:

Laura Parisi made a motion to adjourn. Michael Parisi seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Chairman Weinberg said motion passed unanimously (including vote via telephone from CACSCC member Alden Mead).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter L. Mann', with a stylized, flowing script.

Walter L. Mann