

LCTV Director's Meeting
August 13, 2009

29 Sheepscot Road
5:00PM

Attendance:

Damariscotta Karen O'Bryan, Laurel Cooley, Ann Pinkham
Newcastle Art Mayers, Martha Frink,
Nobleboro John Emerson, Barbara Johnson
Waldoboro Alan Lowe
Wiscasset Jack Swanton
Bristol
Station Manager Mary Ellen Crowley

President declared that quorum was present

Comments by the Public

No public present.

A motion passed to accept the secretary's minutes as sent.

Treasurer's Report

Art reported a net income of \$1419.55. He passed out a Profit & Loss Budget Overview to the directors.

The Pennington bequest is absorbed into the checking account as needed this summer. When the franchise fees come in, we hope to put \$8000 in a CD to use for rainy day expenses.

Board Vacancies:

Bristol	2
Damariscotta	0
Newcastle	1
Nobleboro	0
Waldoboro	2
Wiscasset	1

The secretary passed out a letter to the directors of the towns with director positions to fill.

Public Relations Report (Laurel Cooley)

I did not receive a response to my follow-up email to Rebecca Tilden, Great Salt School PTSO President, regarding PTSO member interest in LCTV training and in being volunteer videographers. Ann, Karen and I agree that we should pursue Rebecca's suggestion about presenting to a PTSO meeting in the fall.

I drafted a LCTV board of director's letter to select boards about current board turnover and vacancies. (Karen can provide further details.) Two action items, for board discussion, are board member follow-up with Municipal Group select boards and creating an outreach approach to connect with non-Municipal Group select boards within LCTV broadcast area.

I developed a media center dedication list of approximately 180 invitees. (Karen O'Bryan received a back-up file.) Twenty to thirty individuals, including Pennington family members, will receive printed, mailed invitations. The rest will receive emailed invitations in late August and a reminder, a week before the dedication. I am sending dedication announcements to Midcoast media, Portland Press Herald and Don Carrigan, offering pre-event tours.

I attended a Pemaquid Watershed Association: Paradise Pond resident/ landowner meeting. Ken Williams, meeting host, Nobleboro School faculty member, and former LCTV board member, suggested that LCTV representatives make a brief presentation to Nobleboro School faculty. A possible partnership between the Lincoln Academy Environment Club and LCTV, with club members producing a PWA shoreline initiative program, was discussed, and Donna Minnis, PWA Executive Director, considers this an action item.

Laurel mentioned three videoing opportunities which will be told to the people who have taken the video course. The directors were reminded that when groups have video opportunities they should be encouraged to get their own videographer. They are welcome to come to classes at the studio.

Station Manager's Report (Mary Ellen Crowley)

Website: Got it cleaned up and have forwarded new material to Mike.

Classes: Jack taught an excellent class in how to use the switcher and two weeks later taught a similar class on the upgraded switcher! The upgrade eliminated the use of the cabinet and simplified the operation. Josh Richards, Mike Welliver, Bobo

Hachmeister, Dudley Merrit, Alan Lowe, Art Mayers and yours truly attended one or both classes. I feel comfortable that with a little hands on I can operate it.

Am working with Bill, Alan and Jack on scheduling some fall classes.

Production: Bobo Hachmeister and Dudley Merritt decided to stage their show at the button factory in Waldoboro. Bobo is hard at work editing about seven hours of tape into a few shows and plans on more tapings. If you are interested in participating, let me know and I'll let you know about the next tapings.

Equipment: Have reached a dead end with trying to get the installation software for the Matrox component of the Adobe editing system. Nancy and I will continue to research other ways to get it working.

Thanks to Art, we now have a speaker in the studio for general announcements from the technical director. Art also did an amazing job organizing all the bits and pieces into a place in the storage cabinets - he even labeled shelves. In the process of cleaning and sorting, he found wireless headsets that Jack said are working! Yahoo!

Sean provided us with a DVD burner, but no software. Sean?

I purchased 2 gel frames and 6 diffusion gels (\$71.48) and 20 minidv cassettes (\$48). I'd like to propose that we sell minidvs to producers for \$3 each - 40% off the price of what they would spend at Rite Aid and each sale contributes 60 cents to LCTV! I'll order more if you think this will fly. We still have a few hundred slightly used tapes in a bag in the closet on the left in the station room that are free for the taking.

We ran out of hard drive space for videos so I'm in the process of deleting what I don't think I'll ever show again. What is left will be copied to the new server - Jack has more to say on that, I think.

Local shows: "A Woman's Heart" (aka "Three Monologues") - Play written by Kendall

Miriam, performed by Ruth Monsell at Skidompha in June. Produced by Alan Lowe.

The Waldoboro Planning Board meeting in July - Feedback on a proposed setback for new construction on lands adjacent to brooks, rivers, streams, lakes and ponds. Much fun was had by all. Produced by Mary Ellen Crowley.

Muriel Haverstein's Memorial - The band sounds great and so do some of the singers! Produced by Art Mayers.

The Danny Beal DownEast Good Time Hour (& 1/2). On July 2, longtime Boothbay performer and funny man Danny Beal performed at the Opera House at Boothbay. Produced by Lee Arnott

George Foreman Lobster Bake - Comedy bit written and produced by and starring Art Mayers.

Care for Your Child promo - Fran Needham (Damariscotta resident) and Leslie Livingston (Healthy Kids) discuss the upcoming art show to benefit Healthy Kids and the Kennebec County Art Association. Produced by Fran Needham.

Messages to His Excellency - Messages from attendees of a human rights event in Camden this past June to the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China concerning the human rights of the Tibetans in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China. Produced by Mary Ellen Crowley.

Art continues to add to his Lincoln County Oral Histories.

New Series Shows: Garden Thyme - "...features twin sisters, Donna Sawyer and Dianne Senechal dispensing gardening tips with homespun humor and downeast wit." Produced by Saco River Community TV.

Train Time - "The only time my children are quiet is when they sit down in the afternoon and watch TRAIN TIME." Produced by members of the Great Falls Model Railroad Club of Lewiston/Auburn, ME.

Your Hit Parade - TV show that ran from 1950 to 1959. Edited together by Brian Soucy of Great Falls TV.

Our Opinion Matters - Brock Buchannan and Dirk Van Damm take scripted calls on a particular subject and give their opinion.

Comedy. You be the judge. Debuted on Great Falls TV in Auburn, ME.

The Tasting Room - Watch oenophiles look at, smell, feel, taste, swish and spit. Produced through the Sudbury, MA PEG station.

85 db TV - The art of hiphop. There is some language and suggestive images, so I show it late. Produced by Tack-Fu with the help of PATV, Iowa City, IA.

It's the end of the world as we know it and I feel fine - "...not your parents newscast but we dare you to show it them." Played in the wee hours. Produced by subMedia, Seattle, WA.

New Singles: (international and local interest)

Climate Crisis

Alan Alda Talks Math and Friendship

Rethink Afghanistan

Tompkins County Against War and Occupation

For more info on shows, please see TV Schedule on the website.

Facility Maintenance: I have to say I am so impressed by everyone's work over the last month in getting this place organized and looking good! What a team!

I talked to Steve Wallace about the floors and he gave me a quote of \$580, including materials, to strip the floors and put down 3 coats of wax. That was determined by him guessing it would take two people working two days at \$15 an hour. Price would be less if a "deep cleaning" would work on those obviously hard to remove stains (instead of stripping). Ann has a quote of \$300 with

details to be supplied at meeting. I'm hoping to have a group together for August 22 to paint and spray clean if the equipment is available.

Miscellaneous: I was going to attend a special Tightrope advanced training session in Portland on the 15th until I realized it was in Portland, OR. I knew you wouldn't have a problem with the \$25 registration fee, but you might have balked at the airfare and hotel costs.

I also had tentative plans for another producer's night sometime in July, but it never happened. Due to the sciatica I was suffering with all month (it has gotten much better over the last couple of weeks), I just didn't have the energy. Sometime in the fall, for sure.

I have data for the 10-week time study, but need to compile it for a report.

The Public: Wiscasset is still having trouble recording meetings. Last DVD had 3 seconds of tape on it.

New bulletin board user sign-ups has slowed. None in July.

Lent out equipment to Art, Mike, Josh and myself.

There was a discussion about Adult Ed. as a vehicle to teach video.

Tech Committee Report:

Members: Sean, Nancy, Alan, and Jack (Chairman)

The Broadcast Pix switcher was upgraded this month to a Slate 1000 model. This is a 3rd generation, state-of-the-art unit with 8 cameras inputs and features full onscreen monitoring of all sources. This unit was originally purchased by Comcast and returned as part of an upgrade to high definition, and has been provided to LCTV on permanent loan. It sold for over \$19,000. Broadcast Pix also provided a black burst generator to provide studio sync. This prevents the background rolling that was noticed in earlier recordings made live on the video server.

All studio cameras are now connected to the switcher with S-video connections, resulting in superior signal quality. One of the long S-video camera cables had a broken connector, which has been repaired and placed back into service.

Art purchased and installed a mic/amplifier system, which allows the switcher operator to make announcements into the studio. Think, "Going on air in 15 seconds."

He also obtained 5 wireless intercoms for discreet communications between camera and switcher operators. Some needed minor repairs, which have been made, and they are now ready for service.

Art also brought in several studio lights, wiring harnesses and a lighting control board, and he hung several black background curtains.

The power supply for the larger 12-input (4 mic inputs) audio mixer arrived. The new mixer was placed into service and tested on Sunday, Aug 9th.

Our new, replacement video server has been shipped from Tightrope!!! It is scheduled to arrive Tuesday, August 11th.

Installation may take some time as first all the stored video has to be transferred.

LCTV's studio is now ready for almost any kind of production.

Art installed curtains and labeled shelves at the studio.

Ann, Art, Karen, and Steve O'Bryan shoveled the pea stones donated by William Fraser Sr. around the studio.

Jack said that it will cost around \$7000 to stream LCTV's shows on the internet through Time Warner.

Old Business:

A motion was made to accept the bylaws as amended. The amendment concerned changing the word monies to assets in Article VIII Dissolution.

There was a discussion about voting online. It was decided that the way we have been doing it is acceptable. The vote will be sent to one person on the Executive Board. The directors will vote on Emergencies that cannot wait until the next meeting.

The September dedication is progressing successfully. Babs and Ann will determine what food the directors will bring and inform them in a timely manner. Laurel has provided name tags for the hospitality people, Martha and Karen. Laurel has the invitations under control and will send them out when the time is right.

Work on establishing Westport as an active member of LCTV is progressing.

New Business:

Directors present signed a card for Charlotte. The board is open to suggestions for an appropriate gift to honor her. A proclamation and a plant are two suggestions.

Many directors are researching what can be done to landscape the land around the station. Master gardeners and members of garden clubs are being asked to help us.

Directors have been asked to be careful about food in the building because ants have been sighted. Borax sprinkled around was suggested.

There was a discussion about security at the station. Motion lights will be installed.

It was decided that Carl Truhel will clean the floors at the studio before September 1, 2009 for \$300.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 5:00PM at the LCTV studio at 29 Sheepscoot Road. *Hope to see you all then.***

Respectfully submitted,
Karen O'Bryan, LCTV Secretary