

LCTV Director's Meeting  
September 10, 2009

29 Sheepscot Road  
5:30

Attendance:

Damariscotta Karen O'Bryan, Laurel Cooley, Ann Pinkham  
Newcastle Art Mayers, Martha Frink,  
Nobleboro John Emerson, Barbara Johnson  
Waldoboro Alan Lowe  
Wiscasset Sean Rafter  
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

LCTV received \$1000 from Nobleboro from their franchise fees. Art says that we need to watch the cost of the electricity at the station. We should be okay until the end of the year. LCTV may be in line for a smaller CD than planned. Art presented a Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual plan for the year 2009 to the directors. He and Mary Ellen are working on figuring out a more accurate expense budget.

Board Vacancies:

Bristol 2  
Damariscotta 0  
Newcastle 1 Put up a notice for a LCTV director in the Town Office.  
Nobleboro 0  
Waldoboro 2 They are advertising.  
Wiscasset 1

Public Relations Report (Laurel Cooley)

Rebecca Tilden, Great Salt Bay School PTSO President, has allotted Karen, Ann and me some time at the October meeting to present to PTSO members.

I individualized more than 225 mailed or emailed media center dedication invitations to Bristol, Damariscotta, Dresden, Edgecomb, Waldoboro, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Wiscasset and Westport Island select boards, several school boards, non-profit organization contacts, community leaders, teachers and principals, county commissioners, legislators, etc. I will repeat the emails, with a shorter message, the week of September 14. After reviewing a list of Pennington family members with Kate Pennington, I mailed

invitations to in-state and out-of-state family members

I am contacting local reporters and providing LCTV information and names of individuals to phone and interview for a post-dedication article.

I have kept in touch with Pumpkin Festival planners to receive information about non-profit organizations' participation in the event. Planners are visualizing a kiosk and inviting representatives to participate and to bring materials to hand out. The LCTV board needs to discuss participation.

Station Manager's Report (Mary Ellen Crowley)

Website:

Inspired by a request from Laurel for a show she thought might be of interest to our community, there is new info on home page about requesting shows, etc.

Classes:

Working on a schedule with the instructors to begin a set of classes for Saturday mornings to start in October.

Production: Art produced and edited a video about the station/studio using Jack as the man who does it all. I helped a bit by operating the switcher, which enabled me to learn a bit more about that process.

Equipment:

No progress on getting the Adobe Premier editing system running, but no demand for it, either. Art brought in his iMac, so if we had two people that wanted to edit at the same time it would be possible.

Early in August we contacted what I thought was just an annoying little virus on the old server that is now being using as hard

drive for storing shows. I tried to get rid of it, but couldn't. I did more research and determined that we were infected with the conficker virus or worm, a major source of misery for over 5 million computers worldwide. It has the ability to confound all known software that purports to take care of it. The only way to get rid of it is to scrub the machine and reinstall the operating system. Tightrope will do this for \$125 plus the cost of shipping the server back and forth. For less than what this will cost us, I can buy an external hard drive to store shows. I plan to do this immediately so I can get that server off the network asap and still have access to the shows. I have to look at the budget for equipment purchases, but I suspect we might go over in that category so will need board approval; details at the meeting. I am in the process of moving the shows scheduled for the next week into the new content file and as soon as that is done removing the contaminated server from the network. I will then copy the remaining files to the new hard drive and, when completed, hook that hard drive to the new server. Sean got the software for the DVD burner to me, but I am going to install it after we get rid of the infected server.

Have been having trouble with satellite reception, but couldn't figure out what was causing it. I was becoming convinced that the powers that be were using military satellites to interfere with the broadcast of Democracy Now! It was one of those difficult intermittent problems - of course, everything was working just fine when the satellite guy came out to check the first time and it stayed working fine for a week or so. Had him in again yesterday and he discovered a corroded connection that I had overlooked, the dish needed adjustment, a tree limbed needed pruning, a bolt needed replacing, etc. He also hooked up the satellite cable to the underground cable.

Local shows:

Lee Arnott produced a new 20 minute piece for the Lincoln County Animal Shelter. I love this show and watch it for pleasure - great music!

Outside of Art's usual weekly "Wuzzup", that was it. Slow month.

New Series Shows:

SEA-Inside - Underwater exploration from the Puget Sound area. LinkTV Explore - Wide variety of issues and locales; from gorillas in Uganda to Inuit culture in the Arctic to children living in war torn areas of the Middle East.

Story Connections - Produced by the South Paris Library, they visit local schools and read to the kids. Occasionally feature Maine children's authors as guests to read their own books. Made available through Norway Paris Community Television

Traveltelevision - Useful consumer information to help every viewer become a better informed traveler with a focus on "voluntourism".

30 Odd Minutes - A unique and light hearted look at all aspects of the paranormal including ghosts, UFOs, ancient mysteries, psychic phenomena, conspiracies, cryptozoology, legends, and magick. (Sounds like the show Mike Welliver is making!)

New Singles: (international and local interest)

Prostate Cancer - What Every Man and Woman Should Know (made in Maine)Eastern Dancesport

Facility Maintenance:

The board and a couple of "friends of LCTV" have volunteered much time and labor to get this place in shape. I am so impressed with the spirit of team work and what a beautiful job they have done. Thank you, thank you, thank you! A special thank you to Steve O'Bryan for laying in the underground conduit for all our cables. A special thank you to Lisa West, too, for her help in putting an up a side rail on the ramp to keep people from going off the side. We need to neaten up the wires/cables coming into the building and coming down from the ceiling. Art brought in a motion detector light to add to security that needs to be mounted and wired. Looking for volunteers for these projects.

This past Tuesday Time Warner removed the fiber optic cable and I had a good discussion with Paul about us getting connected to fiber optic. It's not going to happen and there's no reason it should because we are so close to the substation. If we add another channel, we will continue to go with coaxial cable to deliver our info to TW for distribution.

The Public:

Mary Ellen Barnes stopped by one day and we talked for about an hour and 1/2 about LCTV and how the Lincoln County Economic Development Office and the Lincoln County Historical Society could use our services. Also hosted a visit from Dave Svens, former station manager and current Public Relations/Training director for Fitchburg Access Television in Fitchburg, MA. He owns a place in Chamberlain and is thinking of retiring there. He said he'd be interested in working with us when he does. He'd be a wonderful addition to our already wonderful group of volunteers!

In August, I signed up Mary Ellen Barnes and the LCEDO as a user of the bulletin board as well as Peggy Konitzky, the Wiscasset Site Manager for Historic New England.

Laurel found a volunteer to tape the Congregational Church, a Mr. Val Harris, who ably demonstrated his ability to use a camcorder that he will borrow to tape their costumed service on September 20. Val was in the film business for 14 years. Robin Mayer of the Damariscotta Advisory Planning Committee asked that I

help find her volunteers to tape a presentation and possibly some workshops concerning the vision for Damariscotta's future. The first meeting is on September 22 and Tom Handel offered to tape the first 1/2 of a three hour presentation. Still need someone to do the 2nd half (8p-9:30p). In my report for July under "Local Shows", I mentioned the Waldoboro Planning Board meeting. There were some technical difficulties in recording the show - a bad tape and a few power outages caused by a problem with the cable from the power adapter to the camera. According to a gentleman in Waldoboro, this resulted in a loss of 12 minutes of the meeting, part of which occurred while a motion was being made that was subsequently (according to some members of the public), improperly reworded and voted on. There was a suspicion that this segment was deliberately deleted by me at the instruction of the town. Shades of Rosemary Woods! I spoke to one of the gentlemen who had this concern and explained what I do for the town and LCTV, that no town official had ever asked me to edit out anything except for parts that shouldn't have been taped and, if I were asked to do such, would refuse. The gentleman suggested that in the future I should inform the viewers if there were technical problems and I agreed to do so. Met informally with several residents of Waldoboro after the last select board meeting (in the parking lot of the town hall) and explained that although it looked bad, it was a coincidence and felt that they accepted this. I commend them for exercising their free speech and contributing to a functioning democracy. Alan Lowe and Paul Duffy borrowed equipment to tape an open-mic night at Darrow's Barn. I'm looking forward to seeing the finished product!

#### Tech Committee Report:

Members: Sean, Jack, Nancy, and Alan

At long last our new Tightrope SX-LE video server is installed and running our station. The old VSX remains, so we now have a total of 1 1/2 terabytes of video storage - 50% more than we had previously.

Furthermore, the new server gives us the capability of generating 2 independent streams of video, which will be useful in the future when a second channel is made available to us. However even before that, we can now view stored shows while another show is being aired.

A wireless Ethernet router has been installed, making LCTV the latest unsecured, Internet "hotspot" in Newcastle. So when a laptop or similarly equipped computer, iPod, PDA, etc. is in range (about 75 feet), they will have Internet connectivity without having to deal with wires, fixed IP addresses, or anything else. They will just work. If you want a wired connection, run your wire to the small white box behind the monitor at the top of the equipment rack. It has 3 open slots available.

Sean and Jack met with Lisa, the Administrative Assistant at Wiscasset, who has been recording their selectmen's meetings, but without success. We figured out that the procedure being used to finalize the recording was incorrect, so hopefully that problem has been resolved.

#### Old Business:

Logo: Laurel presented three options to the directors: no change, revise the existing logo, develop a new logo. The directors voted in favor of changing the logo. The vote was 6 in favor 2 against. How that will be done will be decided at the next meeting.

Dedication: Babs presented a list of options for the directors to choose which things they will bring to the celebration. Each director will bring a bottle of champagne as well as a hors d'oeuvre. Ann has all the paper goods, ice, bucket, etc. Set up for the dedication was discussed.

#### New Business:

Classes: Several will be scheduled on Saturdays. Martha suggested that we consider using the Adult Education as a vehicle for scheduling classes in video. Mary Ellen discussed doing promos about LCTV.

If anyone knows a capable audio person, the Damariscotta Town Office is looking for one.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 5:00PM at the LCTV studio at 29 Sheepscot Road. Hope to see you all then.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen O'Bryan, LCTV Secretary