

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 18

ONION RIVER COMMUNITY ACCESS MEDIA, INC. (ORCA)

City Center, 89 Main St., Montpelier, VT 05602

Minutes of Meeting

March 16, 2009 7:30 PM

1) Present: President John Bloch, Treasurer Mike Doyle, Secretary Esther Farnsworth, Rick Weston, Mike Abadi, Eva Zimet, Bill Doyle, General Manager Jeff Tolbert, guest – Nat Frothingham

2) Agenda:

Approval of minutes

Treasurer's report

General Manager's report

Website

Approval of:

Annual report

Auditor

Purchases of equipment

3) Distribution of materials to Board:

4) Treasurer's Report: Distribution of Edwards account. Mike asked if we should invest yearly interest in mutual funds. Board approved that Mike will put half of the yearly interest from investments in mutual funds and half in CD.

5) Other finance matters:

There have been no finance reports distributed since the November meeting.

6) Discussion about the payment from Comcast. We are being charged for Comcast's bad debt. Jeff is working with other public access stations and the Vermont Access Network (VAN) of the policies.

7) Mountainers will reduce our banner charge if we broadcast their games.

8) ORCA has given \$600 to Green Mountain Film to sponsor the film, "Trumbo."

9) Nat Frothingham: Nat presented his ideas for a media learning institute in cooperation with the Bridge and local colleges and high schools. His vision would provide opportunities for hands on experience in all media. Discussion, but no action taken. Nat will refine his ideas and may present them at a later meeting.

10) General Manager's report – Jeff

Full report on file

Website: Jeff is improving the website. He requested that board members go to the website and other websites and offer their suggestions and questions.

Jeff is looking for an auditor for 2009. Board approved a change in auditor.

Approval given for a camera for field use - \$4000.

Approval given for purchase of video processor - \$1000.

Randolph has offered to buy a camera to use for coverage for their meetings.

11) Esther distributed a draft of the Annual Report.

12) Request by Esther to do evaluations.

Board voted to go into executive session.

Board approved \$.75 to \$1/hour raise for Joanne.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Recorded by Esther Farnsworth, Secretary