Lakes Region Public Access TV Board Meeting February 27, 2019

In the absence of our Chairman, our immediate past Chairman Chan Eddy called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM with Jeanne Beaudin, Jack Landow, Joe Jesseman, Nancy LeRoy, Station Manager Grace McNamara and guest Ron Cole in attendance brought by Jeanne Beaudin. Ken Curley was absent

M, **S**, **P**, to accept the minutes of January 30, 2019. Joe Jesseman abstained as he was not in attendance.

M, **S**, **P**, to accept the Treasurer's Report that shows a balance on hand of \$70,209.79.

Station Manager's Report: Jordan is now working 6 -10 hours a week, editing producer programs and learning the basic operations of the station, and is doing a very good job.

The cost of "live-stream" will increase from \$588/year to \$900. Shane will check into other options for streaming. As part of this new pay structure, we will get the ability to "live embed" their stream of Channel 25 right into our website which is a nice feature.

Since our last Board Meeting we have taped 7 new Belknap County Meetings. We have taped 15 so far this year as compared to 6 last year. Based on this (and that it takes about 1 hour to prepare for uploading to show, for one hour of taping), it was a suggestion to increase the County to \$7,500 annually based on an increase of 20 hours at \$50 and hour (\$1,000.00 increase). Grace has been in touch with Atlantic Broadband to check the cost to place our schedule on ABB's air guide. There is obviously a charge and we were told that the cost would be prohibitive, which is why Public Access stations don't list their programs.

. After discussion with Paychex regarding the significant rate increase, they agreed to increase our discount from 10% to 50% starting with our next payroll 3/8. The subject of "closed captioning" was brought up for ADA compliance. We can check, but it will probably be too expensive.

M, S, P, to accept the Station Manager's Report.

After reviewing the subscriber numbers, it was **M**, **S**, **P**, to keep the cable rate at \$6.50 per subscriber for next year. Noted that Chris Pappas and Maggie Hassan are in support of Peg Access TV. **M**, **S**, **P**, to have Ron Cole join the board as a member from Belmont.

The 20th anniversary annual meeting of LRPA TV will be held **March 27, 2019** at Laconia City Hall with a birthday cake in celebration, Meeting adjourned at 3:56PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy G. LeRoy, Secretary