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TO: ANCC MEMBERS

FROM: JOHN REPICKY

RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (March 22, 2006- Stratford)

ATTENDANCE: Dave Dever Darien: Easton: Leighton Jordan Greenwich: New Canaan: Norwalk: Redding: Stamford: Mike Pensiero Weston: Don Saltzman, Bob Atkinson Hal Levy, David Dreyfus Westport: Wilton: John Repicky, Carole Kleinfeld Cablevision: Deb Hutton, Steve Shaye, Myles Rich,

1) After a tour of CV Customer Service facilities, the meeting began at 6:05 pm with 5 towns represented. Minutes: HL noted that Item 8 should read "VideoIP" rather than VOIP. Minutes of Feb. 15 were approved.

2) Treasurer's Report -

Activity	Date	ANCC Account	Access Escrow
Opening Balance	2/14/06	\$14,125.44	\$37,422.62
Interest & Dep.		1.31	
Checks & Debits		135.02	
Closing Balance	3/22/06	\$13,991.73	\$37,422.62

Treasurer's report was approved.

3) Customer Support Issues:

DS asked if CV used Lightpath to do VOIP. D. Dreyfuss commented that he was very impressed with CV's presentation and the facility. DS asked is there was a way to avoid the CS queue. George Palamara responded that there really isn't. FCC guideline is to connect 90% within 30 seconds. GP noted that CV is averaging about 26 seconds.

4) Approve up to 5 Supplemental G-Access Grants:

HL noted that 3 requests were received (Weston, Westport, Darien). Weston is requesting reimbursement for wireless mics and 1 equipment rack. Darien's request was for audio equipment to improve sound quality of meeting recordings. Westport requested funds for an additional camera, monitor & mount to cover more meetings. They have multiple meeting rooms wired already. A motion was made to approve Weston's grant request. Approved: Unan.

Motions to approve the grant requests from Darien & Westport upon completion of the necessary reports for previous grants were made and carried.

Motion: To accept Easton's grant application even though it was late.

LJ presented Easton's request for \$2245. He noted that they are getting help from the Boy Scouts to set up their equipment and tape meetings. Motion: to approve Easton's grant request. Approved.

5) Update on 2006 Community Access Budget:

DH announced that CV would provide \$100,000 E&G access support for 2006. She also noted that there could be some funding for additional needs. HL would like to hear from ANCC members on what they would like to see included in an additional equipment grant. He would also like to have volunteers to serve on a committee to create a grant package. MR noted that we should be developing a package common to all needs. DS asked if it would be a proper to request a non-TV item such as a cable modem/service to allow for remote access to message boards.

MP suggested changing the next meeting to Norwalk, so we could meet with engineering personnel from 5-6 pm prior to the meeting (April 26). DH would like an advanced list of topics to be covered. HL noted that CV support for access was raised from \$6.02 to \$6.23/subscriber (CV has 120,000 subs)

6) Docket 05-06-12:

There was no draft decision. HL was told it was deferred, but no date was set. DS complimented those who were responsible for providing the flurry of letters to the DPUC.

7) Docket 05-04-10:

There is virtually nothing new on this docket. The needs assessment has been delayed. The technical tests are almost complete. The report should be at the DPUC very soon. It will be distributed after the DPUC has a chance to review it. HL noted that members might want to look at Docket 05-04-09 (Area 2's renewal). There has been some interesting correspondence from Area 2, especially in regards to Soundview Media.

8) To discuss PEG access issues:

HL related that Greenwich has had request from Sen. Nickerson to run his program through Greenwich G-Access. CK asked LJ about Easton's operating committee. DS noted that selectmen don't have the right to say who can and can't be on the G-access channel.

9) To review changes in CT-N:

CT-N will be on CH 83 as of March 31, 2006. The contract with FIT-TV was not renewed, so the channel was open for CT-N. CT-N will be removed from CH 116 and CH 79 (unless the G-channel operator requests it.)

10) To plan for the annual meeting:

The annual meeting is scheduled for May 31. HL noted that this is an election year. Therefore, we will form a nominating committee at the next meeting. Hal asked for members to consider serving, especially in the areas of Secretary and Treasurer.

Hal also mentioned that there were some comments about the expense of going to a restaurant for the annual meeting. He asked that members make their feelings made known to him BEFORE we decide on the location of the meeting. HL will seek volunteers for the annual meeting committee.

11) Other business:

- EWTN: MR said that it's being shared with leased access. There have been numerous letters requesting full-time EWTN. Myles noted that when a leased access contract comes in, the lessee has priority for time slots. This sometimes causes EWTN programming to be terminated abruptly.

CV often asks lessees to adjust their time slot to avoid this.

- Rate Increase Weighted Average for Norwalk System: CV announced a rate increase off 2.3% system-wide, but it was 3.4% for the Norwalk system.
- PSA Day May 17, Max length for a PSA is 22 sec.

Meeting dates: 4/26 @ CV Norwalk; Annual Meeting TBA

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 pm