

NECAT Board Minutes
TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Jul 28, 2020

Regular/Special Meeting?	Teleconference Virtual Meeting
Proper Notice Given?	Yes
Directors in Attendance:	Tyler Pittman, Seannalyn Brandmeir, Sheyla Paz, Aisha Lbhalla, Joe Woolley, Brian Rosman, Chris Singleton
Directors NOT in Attendance:	Caroline Sprouse, Lindsey Ganson, Dana Schroering, Willie Simms Jr.
Others in Attendance:	Rachel Kenyon, Cameron McCasland, John Ferguson
Quorum Established?	Yes

Meeting called to order at 11:05 AM Roll call taken

Call to suspend current rules to allow for Governor's Executive order 16 taken and confirmed

Motion:	Aisha Lbhalla – motions, Brian Rosman – seconds
Approved?	Yes

Review & Approve May meeting minutes:

Motion:	Seannalyn Brandmeir – motions, Sheyla Paz – seconds
Approved?	Yes

Review & Approve May Financials:

Motion:	Joe Woolley – motions, Seannalyn Brandmeir – seconds
Approved?	Yes

CHAIR REPORT – Tyler Pittman

- Financial overview (Rachel Kenyon) shows approx. 3 months of operational funds if no other revenue generated. Doesn't include \$2,500 from Nashville Preds Foundation or \$5K due in from Ascend for MNPS program
- Dugas Family Foundation application for \$40k in operational costs / "We Foster Film" online event funding submitted. Early September disbursement if approved
- TN Cares Act application for will be submitted \$27,350 for educational programming.

NECAT Report – Cameron McCasland

- Looking for additional grant opportunities, all ideas to help generate revenue are welcome.
- Discussion with MNPS to move to a virtual online format moving forward given uncertainty of studio opening
- Cam and Tyler had a call with Ted Crockett (former Nashville Film Festival CEO) to discuss other short term revenue generating ideas
- Online donation set up potential with Patreon or GoFundMe, Facebook page / admin needs to change to Nonprofit.
- Nashville Film Festival will be set up with forms and associated fees for submission
- Community Outreach videos continue to be worked on. Sheyla Paz has submitted testimonial

Studio Manager Report - John Ferguson

- NSCC still in Phase II, PEG Studio to be included with Phase IV reopening
- Online training videos being worked on for new equipment to provide members some familiarity before studio reopens.
- Videos should help attract additional members by showcasing new features
- Member protocols for maximum safety being worked on & will be sent out before studio re-opening

Group Discussion

- Overall finance discussion & potential contingency plan if revenue is not supplemented via studio or other efforts before end of October

Potential paths forward:

- Dissolution of nonprofit as soon as possible to accommodate adequate runway and guarantee all financial obligations are met

- Would need to be put in front of Metro in order to confirm the option is allowable, can be voted on and properly executed

- Board run organization with new model that would oversee content review & programming, either by subcommittee or outsourcing
 - Metro runs studio completely as they have always done
 - Volunteers have overseen programming in the past

- New model developed given changes in technology and relevance to amount of people it serves or could serve
 - Revise business plan to reflect continuation of limited studio access and online classes that supplement on hand learning with revenue generated by donation and gift applications and scholarships
 - Subcommittee or Advisory board to see what partnerships with local nonprofits are possible, sharing fund raising platforms that allow for additional content & programming to raise awareness
 - Broader potential with educational opportunities using workshops and online programming

- Need clarity and input from Metro / legal's opinion on what the board has the power to enact and determine next steps forward.
- Next meeting dependent on determination of DFF funding

Meeting adjourned at **12:23 PM**