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Area 9 Cable Council, c/o Wilton Town Hall, 238 Danbury Rd., Wilton, CT 06897 www.a9cc.org

TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Secretary
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (May 29, 2013)

May 31, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Darien:	David Dever, Jim Cameron
Easton:	Doug Dempsey, Andy Anderson
Greenwich:	Stu Reider
New Canaan:	Paul Sedlak
Norwalk:	Herbert Grant, Erin Halsey, Art Scialabba
Redding:	Robert Moran
Weston:	Don Saltzman, Harvey Bellin
Westport:	Hal Levy, Judith Freedman
Wilton:	Gary Battaglia, Carole Young-Kleinfeld
Cablevision:	Jennifer Young

Excused: Geza Ziegler (Stamford) Stan Witkow (Westport)
Guest Speaker: Tom Appleby, Channel 12 News Director

HL called the A9CC Meeting to order at 6.30 pm. 9 towns were represented. Several guests were introduced - George Herring (Norwalk), Barbara Levy (Westport), Phil Sharlach (Wilton), John Savarese (Wilton)

1. **The minutes** of April were approved. JF/HB
2. **The financial report** from the Treasurer (HG) was distributed and approved unanimously. JF/HB
3. **Updates on old business:**
 - The A9CC has received several inquiries and complaints about the recent “sports surcharge” on subscribers’ bills. Unfortunately, this is a non-negotiable item for subscribers.
 - I-net logs for G-channels are up-to-date. E-channel logs received from Westport, Weston & Wilton only. Grant reports are due from Weston and Darien E-channels and all G-channels except Norwalk. I-Net logs and grant reports must be submitted before new grants can be applied for.
4. **Guest Speaker: Tom Appleby, News Director, Cablevision News Channel 12**

During Mr. Appleby’s tenure as News Director—26 years—Channel 12 has received more than 700 awards for excellence in broadcasting, including 200 Emmy Awards and 38 Edward R. Murrow Awards. Mr. Appleby reviewed the way technology has changed the nature of finding, reporting, and broadcasting the news, using examples from the recent railroad derailment—where the News Channel 12 helicopter was first on the scene and from Sandy Hook where locally-based reporters were early sources of information for the public.
5. **Election of New Secretary**

HL presented CYK with a certificate of recognition and thanks for 9 years of excellent service on the A9CC. Phil Sharlach (Wilton) has been appointed as Carole’s replacement, effective July 1, 2013. Carole thanked HL for his leadership, JY for her effectiveness as liaison to Cablevision, and the members of the A9CC for their dedication and work on behalf of community access.

Judith Freedman (Westport) was elected to fill the remainder of CYK's term until June 2014. She will also serve as the liaison to the Alliance for Community Media—NE Chapter and Connecticut Chapter.

6. **2013 Educational Access Awareness Awards**

No report due to absence of E-access committee representative.

7. **Meeting schedule 2013-2014:**

9/11/2013 at Cablevision, 10/16/2013, 11/20/2013, 2/5/2014, 4/2/2014, 6/4/2014

8. **Other Matters:**

- JY reported that subscribers with specific packages that are being eliminated will see a \$4-7 increase on their June bill, but will also see a 6-7 channel gain.
- Appointment Letters - JF will be sending out A9CC appointment letters to chief elected officials and mayors this summer.
- A9CC mailing address will be changed from Wilton Town Hall to 17 Crawford Rd, Westport, CT 06880

Next meeting: September 11, 2013 at Cablevision, 28 Cross-St., Norwalk

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Young-Kleinfeld
Secretary