**JAG General Meeting Minutes**

**9/30/2020, 12:12 pm Online**

Meeting attended by: Bloomfield- Bob Duthaler, East Brunswick- Dave Ambrosy, Anthony Pagliuco, OPTV - Linda Besink, Perth Amboy -Dave Garb, Piscataway-, George Fairfield, Ronnie Garret, Doug Seidel, Brian Belzer, Scotch Plains- Stephanie Gibbons, West Milford –Geoff Belinfante, North Brunswick- Craig Yetsko, Darryl Love, SOMA- Dustin Dumas, JAG Managing Director-Rich Desimone, Asbury Park- Ed Salvas, Jan Zachary, Varto, Yervant, Scott from LiveU, Akwasi Owusu

JAG President, Bob Duthaler, called meeting to order at 12:18 pm.

Discussion Topic: Covid-19, 6 Months Later

Bob began by saying since summer, some more meetings have gone back to in person and some station are producing programming again. Darryl recorded an outdoor council meeting in Scotch Plains. Geoff said West Milford has done Hybrid meetings. Dave A. said EBTV started HS sports again. Scott from LiveU joined and talked about some LiveU applications that apply to JAG.

Yervant from Varto Technologies gave a presentation focused on LiveU products and uses that could apply to JAG members. The presentation was recorded and will be on the JAG website.

At 2:15, Bob picked back up with the agenda:

New Business: Amendment to the By-Laws. Anthony read the proposed change of terms from 2-3 years for Trustees. Bob talked about the reasoning behind this change, so we don’t have years where there are many terms expiring. The First Reading was motioned by Dave G and seconded by George F. and approved by vote.

Geoff discussed APM Music and connecting with them. They are interested in coming up with PEG pricing. Bob mentioned LiveU also has special pricing for PEG.

Committee Reports:

Executive Board- Bob mentioned the By-Law change and asked that everyone take time to read the monthly newsletter.

Finance- Linda reported we have 61 paid memberships. 2021 budget process will begin shortly. Dues invoices will be sent out as well.

Production- No report

External Relations- Geoff said the next presentation at the general meeting will be from Cablecast

Legislative- Dave G. reported the BPU met regarding the Verizon Franchise renewal. A letter was sent on JAG’s behalf. Dave reviewed the comments in the letter. Bob was able to present the comments during the meeting. A follow up mtg. was held October 1st.

Membership- Darryl asked if the membership can reach out in their region to communicate with other towns about joining JAG. Stephanie will create a list of question that can be used when contacting towns.

JAG Awards- George said the committee plans to meet soon and wants to proceed with some awards program. Possibly virtually.

Bob and Dave G. asked for stations to try to attend the Oct. 1st BPU/Verizon mtg.

Motion to adjourn by Geoff, seconded by Stephanie. Meeting ended at 2:57pm

Respectfully submitted by Dave Ambrosy, JAG Secretary