



Minutes for HBNI Board Meeting at Crystal Spring Colony: Apr 12, 2008, 2:30 pm

Attendees: Board Members:							
X	Jack (OakBluff)		X	Chris (Fairholme)		X	Karl (Crystal)
	Jack (Decker)		X	Jon (Baker)		X	Josh (Homewood)
						X	Ray (Glenway)
Attendees: Others:							
X	Jake Vetter (CS)		X	Ben Vetter (Baker)			

1. Call to Order (Jack)

2. Accept minutes of previous meeting

3. Accept agenda

4. Business arising from previous meeting

5. Financial

5.1. Monthly statement of credits and debits

Balance in account - \$117,000. Receivables - \$60,629 (several colonies haven't made their recent payments yet), Loan balance \$911,583. Just issued a cheque of \$60,000 to HB Credit, which will reduce the loan to \$850,000. That is the most we can pay down on the principal for now as we have to ensure we have enough left in the account to cover the operating expenses until October.

6. Reports

6.1. Technician's Reports

6.1.1. Expansions: Ridgeville, Lakeside, Acadia, Others

Ridgeville is ready to be reconnected. Jack needs to confirm how they want to make their payments—monthly or annually.

Lakeside has committed to connect. They wanted to know if the \$500/month they have been paying would be credited toward their membership fee. Our standard arrangement in these cases is that only the installation fee would be credited. The \$500/month barely covers HBNI's monthly operating costs per colony. Therefore these payments simply cover the costs. However, the installation—which is normally part of the membership package—will be credited when such customers decide to become members.

There is a concern with non-member colonies who are travelling to the nearest member-colony to take the TQA and Math upgrade course for the apprenticeship programs. The non-member colonies should at the very least be compensating the host colony for using their system. The board decided to leave things as they are for this Math upgrade course. However, for any future courses offered on the HBNI IITV system, non-members making use of the system will be expected to compensate HBNI and/or the member colony whose system they are using.

Acadia is connected.

Vermillion is 50/50 split on connecting to HBNI.

New Haven is still waiting for their shop project to be completed.

Enns Brothers has asked that we wait for another couple of months.

6.1.2. Upgrades: Portage area, Morris breakout

Morris up-grade is complete except for one radio.

Wi-Band is interested in purchasing bandwidth from us in Morris or at Oak Bluff Colony.

Ray and Jon will contact them to work on the details.

We want to upgrade the radio from Sunnyside to Southport fibre.

Elmcreek Cargill has been shut down.

We are planning to put a redundant loop in through the Sunnyside-Rosedale link.

We also want a link from Keystone to Lakeside.

7. Discussions

7.1. Connecting Maplegrove

We have requested a link analysis from MB Hydro to go from their Brandon South tower breakout to Maplegrove. We would need this tower anyway to connect Enns Brothers in Brandon. This appears to be the best option for connecting Maplegrove. Building from Greenacres doesn't work as there are natural barriers in the way.

7.2. Oak Bluff: Wi-LAN radios

Oakbluff purchased a bunch of Wi-LAN radio when HBNI didn't have the cash. Whenever HBNI needed a radio we then bought it from Oak Bluff Colony. We no longer use this type of radio and Jon has been slowly selling them. Oak Bluff would like HBNI to buy the remaining radios at cost—Oak Bluff has carried this long enough for HBNI. Jack would also like HBNI to pay for secretarial time. The board agreed to compensate Oak Bluff \$250/month for the time their secretary spends on HBNI paper work. She spends ~1 hour/day on HBNI paperwork.

8. Next Meeting (May 10, 1:00pm, Crystal Spring) **NOTE THE NEW TIME.**

9. Meeting Adjourned:

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