



Minutes for HBNI Board Meeting at Crystal Spring Colony: Feb 02, 2008, 1:00 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:							
	Sam Vetter (Glenway)		X	Chris Vetter (Netley)		X	Marcus H. (Netley)
X	Jake Vetter (CS)		X	Leonard V. (Netley)			

1. Call to Order (Jack)

2. Accept minutes of previous meeting With deletion of amount from Item 4. Karl/Jack (m/s)

3. Accept agenda Jack/Chris m/s

4. Business arising from previous meeting

5. Financial

5.1. Monthly statement of credits and debits

Monthly profit & loss: Income \$12,057, Expense \$11,857

Balance Sheet: \$137,000 Assets, Loan balance \$919,609. (Non-reconciled statements. Too early)

6. Reports

6.1. Technician's Reports

6.1.1. Borderland School Division Merlin Link Proposal

No official feedback. They wonder if we can put in fibre from MB Hydro breakout across the straight to Cargill in Morris. This would cost a fair bit. May be something to consider in the future to make link more secure.

6.1.2. Portage la Prairie SD Proposal

The original proposal is still valid. The radios are cheaper but the video-conferencing equipment has gone up. Jack will set up a meeting with PLPSD to get some more detailed information from them and provide them with some answers.

6.1.3. HB Mutual

Mutual requires a backup data server. Jon/Ray say this could be done with a VPN connection over the internet. Our techs will study this. Suggest \$300-\$500/month, with the colony hosting the server getting ~\$50/month for electrical, rack space, etc.

6.1.4. Other Expansions / Upgrades

Are we still working on Enns Brothers proposal? Enns Brothers just bought the Brandon and Neepawa dealerships. Our initial proposal was \$500/month per site. This would amount to 6 dealership for a total of \$3000/month, or 25% of our monthly operating cost.

We are waiting for quotes from MB Hydro for a fibre break-out at Clearwater to eliminate the Selkirk breakout. Maplegrove asked why they paid insurance when there is no HBNI equipment in Maplegrove. Jack will take it off their bill.

7. Discussions

7.1. New Haven

Jack and Tom weren't able to make a trip yet. New Haven's school now wants IITV courses for next year. Jack and Tom will go and see them and try to convince them to commit to HBNI.

7.2. Netley

Netley is five months in arrears on the subscription fee and \$40/month for two PRI phone line for several months. Jack explained the different payment options. Netley requested that they be granted some credit for the fact that they paid in full for the first year, but they didn't get connected till December and then lost service from late March to the end of the school year. The board agreed that Netley had particularly bad service and we will credit them for 3 months of service. Jack will send them an adjusted invoice which will include payment for Jan-Feb '08 subscription, two PRI lines, and insurance payment for this year. This will bring them current.

7.3. Annual Members Meeting

Schedule: Date: Feb 18, 2008 Time: 1pm Location: Homewood

Agenda:

Item 1: HBNI's current physical network structure – Ray/Jon

Item 2: Review purpose/services of HBNI – Jack

Item 3: Review financial standing of HBNI – Jack

Item 4: Discussion of future options – Jack

Option 1: continue with current payment scheme until loan is paid (1-2yr)

Option 2: write new guarantees to cover the balance with all members

Option 3: have several colonies loan HBNI interest-free to eliminate our HB Credit debt so that we aren't paying interest. HBNI will then pay back the loans to the colonies over the next 2 years.

To date HBNI has paid almost \$200,000 in interest.

7.4. Next Meeting (March 8, 2:30pm, Crystal Spring)

7.5. Meeting Adjourned: Jack/Karl m/s

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