



Minutes for HBNI Board Meeting at Crystal Spring Colony: Jan 5, 2008, 2:30pm

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

1. **Call to Order (Jack)**
2. **Accept minutes of previous meeting**
Jack/Karl m/s
3. **Accept agenda**
Jack/Karl m/s
4. **Business arising from previous meeting**
Internet upgrade has been completed

5. **Financial**

5.1. **Monthly statement of credits and debits**

Receivables \$80,000, (Jack will contact excessively overdue members to ask them to come to the next meeting to try and resolve outstanding accounts). Loan balance \$930,000 (-\$54,000 since last meeting). Bank balance \$120,000 (So we can make another large payment on the principal since we have more than enough to cover our annual operating).

Jack needs to check to see if Brightstone and Lakeside have been billed yet. Silverwinds and Fairway need to be billed \$50/month since September as they are downloading classes from our FTP server. Maplegrove needs to be billed for their camera hookup with double classes, similar to Haven and Hutterville.

6. **Reports**

6.1. **Technician's Reports**

6.1.1. **School Division Merlin Link Proposal**

Borderland SD has asked for a quote on providing a 10Mb connection through our system, via MB Hydro fibre to link to Merlin. Our quote was for \$1500/month, which would cover about 10% of our total monthly operating expenses.

6.1.2. **RRC / ACC & MERLIN (See attached email from Jason, GW)**

Merlin connection is done. Now a test needs to be run with a teacher. Jon will contact RRC to get this test started. RRC & ACC want to make a presentation to the colonies regarding the Apprenticeship program. The board thinks the Apprenticeship meeting is larger than HBNI membership and should be a separate meeting. Jason & Paul should contact Jake Vetter to get a separate meeting set up with the ministers and secretary treasurers.

6.1.3. **HB Mutual Server Question**

No progress. It is a co-hosted server for a Web-App for the Insurance company. Jack will ask about this. He has a meeting with HB Mutual next week.

6.1.4. **CS Hog Equipment Link @ Poplar Point Question**

Techs will check distances and send a quote. Should be about \$3000 installation and \$50/month for data transfer over HBNI network plus maintainence.

6.1.5. Other Expansions / Upgrades / Redundant Links

Acadia has agreed to become connected.

New Haven is still a question mark (CS Hog Equipment would really like them connected for business purposes).

Portage SD wants to know if our quote for providing them with a network is still valid.

They are still interested in the project and are looking at it again this year.

Ray wants to buy another set of radios (bigger, better) and test them for cold weather operations.

IPrism is coming up for renewal in July.

Redundant links will mostly be done in spring.

Techs are hoping for warm weather to do a link in Beasejour for Sunrise SD so it can generate income.

7. Discussions

7.1. Annual Members Meeting

Louis Riel Day (Feb 18th, 2008). This would be most convenient for the teachers, and the secretary treasurers will not be in town as it is a statutory holiday. Jack will check for a location.

7.2. Next Meeting (Feb 9)

Meeting Adjourned

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Subject: Upcoming HBNI Meeting...

Hi Jack,

Due to an exam I will not be able to participate in the upcoming HBNI meeting. I did however run into Tom McAdams and he informed me that Merlin has been connected. Our next step is for Red River College to test the connection from one of the colonies. It would be best if they could do the testing at a colony where an HBNI teacher and HBNI students are present. An HBNI technician present would be ideal also.

Our first goal is to start a math upgrade via HBNI this month or early February. At this point we are still debating who will be teaching the course. Paul Jr. from Green Acres thinks it would be best if a Buhepper teaches the course, it would provide more flexibility for students enrolled. My thought is that either Red River College or ACC should be teaching the course: It would be ideal for a pilot course, because there is only theory and no practical work involved. Plus, we need to get first group through as fast as we can so we can start another group, both RRC and ACC are basing the course on a time limit. Either case, students can take the course for a grade 12 math credit if they please to do so. Math course is 110 hours.

We are hoping to have another group do the general assessment, hopefully this month if possible. Instead of taking place in Baker, it will take place at the Red River College (Winnipeg). Currently we have 20 candidates that want to write the assessment, we are hoping more will show interest with time.

All Candidates that do the assessment and finish the math upgrade will be transferred into a Trades Qualification Course. After Trades Qualification course students will write and challenge the Journey Exam. Our colony students will then glean most of the benefits, by undergoing the apprenticeship program, tutored by the qualified Journey person.

One last and final thing, RRC, ACC, and the Apprenticeship Board would like to explain the whole process and benefits of the Hutterite Apprenticeship Program to our Colony Ministers and Secretary Treasurers. They are hoping to have a time allotted to them during the annual Colony HBNI meeting. Please let them know way before time when this meeting will take place and if they can have a time slot allotted to them. Grant from Red River College will be back from his vacation Jan 7, 2008. Jason