



Minutes for HBNI Board Meeting at Crystal Spring Colony: Mar 08, 2008, 2:30 pm

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

**1. Call to Order (Jack)**

**2. Accept minutes of previous meeting Ray/Jack m/s**

**3. Accept agenda Jack/Karl m/s**

**4. Business arising from previous meeting**

**5. Financial**

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

\$102,000 in bank account. No payment made on loan last month, \$927,000.

Receivables \$56,683. Jack will offer members the option of setting up an auto-debit to pay the phone bills. This will mean less paperwork, more dependable collection, and fewer stamps.

**6. Reports**

**6.1. Technician's Reports**

**6.1.1. Backup Server and OS**

Ray set up a Backup Server in Glenway and installed a Windows Server OS through Merlin for \$50/year. This server will be backup for the one in Winnipeg. HBNI will offer to locate the HB Mutual Backup Server on our network for \$250/month. Jack will contact Leonard (Wingham) to let him know.

**6.1.2. Current Expansions/Upgrades/Service work**

We installed a second link at the fibre breakout in Morris for redundancy to help insure secure service for Borderland SD. MB Hydro is charging an additional \$215/month for this link, above the \$750 that the first one costs. Borderland SD will be connected on Monday, March 10. \$1500/month income.

We are waiting for a response from MB Hydro on costs for fibre breakouts at Clearwater and Glenboro. Clearwater would replace the Selkirk one. Glenboro would relieve the load on the Melbourne (Riverbend) link.

Jon is working on getting link shots for building out to Maplegrove. The best shot seems to be from the MB Hydro tower south of Brandon. There is a fibre breakout at the Brandon South location.

Jon also wants to eliminate the Fairholme-Elm Creek link and go Fairholme-Goodhope-Sunnyside instead.

**6.2. Other Reports**

Josh and Jack both had meetings with Enns Brothers. They say they want to work with us to get this project going. They aren't in a big rush but they will need something for Neepawa and Brandon soon.

## **7. Discussions**

### **7.1. Annual Members Meeting**

#### **7.1.1. Meeting Summary**

Membership agreed to extend the payment schedule for one additional year. All colonies will pay the same total. E.g. all pay \$14,400/yr for five years.

#### **7.1.2. Applying Options – Extension of Plan, Loans from Colonies, Letters of Guarantee**

Those members paying per year will be billed for one more year at \$14,400. Colonies that paid a one-time payment plus \$400/month for four years will have to pay an extra \$12,000 after four years.

One colony has committed to give up to a \$250,000 interest-free loan to HBNI. Jack will contact several other colonies to get further commitments. Once we have the commitments we can determine the actual amount needed. As soon as the HB Credit loan is eliminated, David Martin will return the Letters of Guarantee to the colonies. We need to get answers in time for the next board meeting.

### **7.2. Budget – 2 year plan**

We need to set up a two-year plan for repayment of the loans from the colonies. We will revisit this item at the next meeting when we have more information on our financial future.

### **7.3. New Potential Members**

Poplar Point wants to hook up for a few months at \$500/month. They have to decide about their high-school in time for next school year. Approved, if they pay the installation fee., The monthly fees (\$500/month) would not be credited toward the membership fee should they decide to join, however, the installation fee would be credited.

Jack will also visit both Ridgeville and Vermillion to get a positive answer from these two colonies as we have been getting both negative and positive responses from them.

### **7.4. Next Meeting (April 12, 2:30pm, Crystal Spring)**

### **7.5. Meeting Adjourned:**

Karl/Jack m/s

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