



Minutes for HBNI Board Meeting at Crystal Spring Colony: May 17, 2008, 1:30 pm

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

1. Call to Order (Jack)

2. Accept minutes of previous meeting Karl, Ray m/s

3. Accept agenda Ray, Jack m/s

4. Financial

4.1. Monthly statement of credits and debits

Loan now stands at \$850,000. It will probably not get lower than this before October.
 Jack will look into getting HBNI articles to reflect our primary purpose of education so that we can set up a charitable account for giving tax-receipts for donations.
 Receivables are at \$75,000. Insurance is at \$32,000—without losses we should be at the \$40,000 ceiling with the next premium payments in October. However, we need to consider that the 10 connections that are part of the Portage SD project have to be covered by HBNI, since we own the network and not PLPSD or those 10 colonies.
 Jack is setting up an auto-debit form that members can use to pay their HBNI bills automatically—either for the whole bill, or parts thereof, for example, the phone bill.
 Jack also asked that rather than paying OB for secretarial time, HBN simply reduces OB’s monthly bill by \$250.

5. Reports

5.1. Technician’s Reports – Expansions, Upgrades.

Ridgeville is connect, Jack needs to start billing them—including insurance. Borderland SD’s link to Merlin is connected and in use. Lakeside also needs to be billed for full membership. Acadia needs to be billed, since they have been connected for at least a month now. Jon is expecting to connect Poplar Point in the next week.

5.2. Portage la Prairie School Division Project

PLPSD has accepted HBNI’s proposal for building a network for connecting their colony schools—12 colonies (2 are currently part of HBNI). PLPSD will pay \$110,000 down as soon as they accept the proposal. Then, in September, they start monthly payments of \$4,773 for four years. HBNI builds, maintains, and owns the network and the video conferencing equipment. PLPSD is actually leasing bandwidth from us, and the contract stipulates that any Internet sold over this network will be purchased through HBNI.
 Jon needs to start working on the towers with Clinton. If the towers are standing by July 1st, then we can probably finish the build within two—three weeks maximum.

6. Discussions

6.1. Silverwinds – Downloading Courses

Silverwinds has been enrolling more and more students in IITV courses using just downloaded classes. This puts extra pressure on the teachers since they never really get to interact with these

students. So, for \$50/month—for connecting to our file server—Silverwinds is getting access to IITV courses. This is taking advantage of the system and the system’s members. Without the members paying their full membership amount, there would not be an IITV system. Jack will contact Silverwinds and let them know that the current arrangement is unacceptable for next the school year. They need to either sign up for a full membership or come and plead their case for an alternative arrangement.

6.2. New Potential Members

Jack (DK) asked Jon to figure out how to connect Decker in time for September. New Haven is still undetermined.

6.3. Trades Qualification Courses

At the last meeting we decided that non-member colonies will have to be charged something for taking TQA courses at member colonies. HBNI will set a rate for non-members, based on a per-course fee for each non-member colony. Since a typical course is 100 hours, the suggestion is that we charge \$2/hr/person--\$1/hr/person paid to HBNI, \$1/hr/person paid to the hosting colony. This fee will apply only to non-members. The non-member fee will be attached to the total course fee for non-members.

7. Next Meeting (June 14, 1:00pm, Crystal Spring) **NOTE THE NEW TIME.**

8. Meeting Adjourned:

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