



Minutes for HBNI Board Meeting at Crystal Spring Colony: Oct 11, 2008, 1:00 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	Paul W. (GA)							
X	Ed Vetter (CS)										

1. Call to Order (Jack)

2. Accept minutes of previous meeting Jack/Karl m/s

3. Accept agenda Ray/Jon m/s

4. Business arising from previous meeting

5. Financial

5.1. Monthly statement of credits and debits

Invoices have been sent out for the 5th annual payment. Receivables are pretty reasonable, only a small amount aged over 30 days. Insurance fund is at \$29,940. With this year’s payments the fund should reach the \$50,000 cap. This means next year we should not need to collect full premiums, minus large claims.

6. Reports

6.1. Technician’s Reports

6.1.1. Upgrades

Attempted the IPrism upgrade, but the unit crashed, IPrism is replacing it.

6.1.2. Expansions

Trileaf and Silverwinds are connected. Decker is currently using their INetLink connection, but Jon is planning on doing the build in the next few weeks. Maple Grove the only option appears to be from MTS Brandon South tower. Link from Souris to MG is somewhat questionable. We are looking for a tower located a little closer to MG rather than using Souris.

Paul had ACC technicians out to Green Acres to watch how the system works and they are impressed. They have several questions: What courses would there be interested in? Do they have the funding to get it going this year? Could they do this with a four-year plan? ACC has a sister branch in Dauphin and there are two reserves in the area who would love to get a system extended to these reserves—what would it cost? ACC would also like to purchase Internet from HBNI.

6.1.3. HBNI Website

James from Wingham has agreed to build a website for HBNI. Ray and others will supply him with material and recommendations. We will be posting minutes online, accessible with a password.

6.1.4. PLPSD

There have been some concerns regarding Group II kids interacting with the Group I kids. PLPSD needs to tell the teachers to set themselves as Priority, so that the teachers' image is all that everyone sees—rather than voice activated. PLPSD would like to have internal email—we can set up a small mail server to handle this for \$1/account/month.

7. Discussions

7.1. Annual Members Meeting

Tentatively set for January 3, the first Saturday of the New Year.

7.2. LifeSize Camera Dealership

We are now LifeSize Dealers through TechData. This means we can get the LifeSize cameras for substantial savings. There are lots of other tech items that we may be able to purchase through them.

7.3. Low Cost 2nd Studio Options

There is a unit from Polycom (V700) unit that is basically a 17" screen with built in camera, a complete stand-alone unit. It generally retails for \$3000 but there is one site that has some for \$1200. Otherwise, a 27" flat panel is \$300, and an older Polycom or PictureTel camera can be purchased for a couple hundred from Ebay—there is always the risk of getting faulty equipment on Ebay, and even new equipment purchased from the US doesn't have warranty here in Canada.

7.4. Next Meeting (Nov 15, 1PM, Crystal Spring)

7.5. Meeting Adjourned:

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