
Commenced: 6:18 pm

Attendees: Craig McLachlan, Tony Swain, Nick Hamill, Brendan Houle, Chris Stanley
By Telephone: Patrick Clark
Staff: Tracey Axelsson, Chris Chanhsamone
Regrets:

1. Changes to the agenda
nil

2. Approval of previous minutes from November 30, 2016.

- Moved - Nick
- Seconded – Patrick
 - carried

3 Admin and Program - YI Program Updates reports

- Collected requested documents and provided answers to the Wozny for the Review
- Reviewed the process of incorporation for VCN Labs
- Updates to the SMS – specifically the Shelter Strategy and text to enroll protocol
 - Giving Tuesday was a good donation day (~\$200) donations were up 25% from last year
- Submitted a grant request to City of Vancouver – it has been delayed until Feb 24th
- Have received an invite to CIRA funding process- march 1 deadline.
- We have opened our bitcoin wallet
- The office has been busy and the computer lab is generating more visitors every day.
- Web|team website has been revised – looks awesome!
- Vancity – had a meeting with Director of Innovation in December
 - YI has been 'double the work' – we are currently engaged in a cross-Canada impact survey of YI interns with a video element for future development of the program -
- New Society Act Transition documents are to be uploaded to the Ministry shortly unless the Board suggests otherwise.
- SMS work completed including the shelter strategy and the text-to-enroll feature needed to speed client engagement. This feature will also be instrument in the beready.info site.

YI Program Updates

- The placements are going well. They now have 47 interns working with 38 host organizations. A few more have been hired since November as we have enough funding.
- They have maintained regular communication with supervisors and interns, and the monthly check-ins have yielded only positive feedback – supervisors are happy with the interns' work and every single intern has stated that the internship is either “meeting expectations” or “exceeding expectations”.
- They are coordinating with ISED Canada on a new method for the success stories questionnaire via a set of online surveys.

4. Technical – Helpdesk – WebTeam-Servers

- There were no major issues except the main server crashed on January 2nd, 2017. It was restarted to fix the issue.

- In January 2017, a hardware issue was found on the main server. The server was moved to the backup server without any downtime.

Office

- Many volunteers found work or planned to go back to school in the new year. Training new people

SMS

- The SMS developer, Lyn, improved the registration form, improved the shelter map feature, and added a way for people to sign up and edit their profile via a text message.

web|team

- The web|team intern, Ellyl, and one of the youth internship coordinators, Gurraj, have been creating a new VCN web|team site. They also signed up for Google Adwords for Non-profits to promote the web|team for free.

tech|team

- The Cleaning Solution is moving their email and file server to Office 365.

5. Financial Reports (Nick)

As the treasurer a full report was given.

- Refer to the financial statements as delivered
- Review financial statements as per by Gary Wozny & Gary Chun
- Need to look at the revenue side of the org. 'teams' revenues appear very low

ACTION – staff to report on our Google ranking on the website

6. Open Source Software – presented as pasted online

- Moved - Nick
- Seconded – Patrick
 - carried

Reserve adjustment Resolution – moved/seconded

- Moved -Nick
- Seconded – Tony
 - carried

AGM planning - date

February 23, 2017

7. New Business

Deceased Policy Approach

- A recent request to gain access to a member's account upon her passing has left us without a clear policy. The Board suggested this could be an invasion of privacy and could result in legal challenges.

ACTION: Staff is to review policies of other ISPs and report back. For now –refuse access.

Adjourn:

7.29 pm