

Vancouver Community Network

Board of Directors Meeting ♦ March 29, 2004

Present: Amali, Madeleine, James, Richard, Scott, Jonn
Steven and Peter (staff)

Regrets: Ruth, Craig and Patrick

Agenda:

M/s/c adopt the agenda as amended

Previous Minutes

M/s/c approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of February 23, 2004

Co-ordinator♦s report

Report was circulated to the Board by email previously and by hand at the meeting. Peter summarized the report and provided elaboration on the use of CAP funds that were not claimed because of site drop out and other shortfalls. Discussion took place on proposed use of CAP funds. Accepted

Technical Co-ordinator♦s report

Steven presented his technical report - interested discussion around the Voice over IP that has been implemented on the helpdesk. He gave a rundown on Freeside ♦ an O/S package being implemented for billing/donations and service bundling purposes. Accepted.

Finance Committee

Peter presented the financial statements, finance report. Present variance is because of timing around year end ♦ reality is much closer to what we expect (currently approx. +\$1k). Ruth has reviewed and it seems all good. We♦re through the cash flow crunch albeit a little slimmer. Accepted.

Other Business

Committees (general) - Amali distributed guidelines for committees, needed because some committees have members that aren♦t on the board. Please get back to Amali with any comments about this.

Personnel ♦ Job descriptions are terribly out of date and will be re-written, hopefully toward the end of April.

Technical ♦ I will setup the tech mailing list, distro the guidelines for members, and convene a meeting for next week (not wed. or thurs.)

Client services ♦ Peter will put something on the list around the 21st.

Privacy ♦ A discussion of the draft VCN Personal Information Protection Policy ensued. The board generally liked the policy as it presently stands and feel that it could serve as a model for other groups looking to implement something similar. Amali moved to amend the user agreement to include the privacy policy. Richard moved the adoption in principle of the draft and empowerment of Jim to incorporate people ♦s comments in the final version as well as number ♦s 2,3, & 4 from the report. Approved.

Strategic Planning - The committee met earlier today and compared laptops, managing to get the wireless going again. Jim talked about some of the cost analysis work done in the past (and available on the online internal documentation system). He referenced a public storefront lab, conversion of the VCN home page to be more of a portal, addition of ability to stream video and audio, creation of a ♦non-profit toolbox♦, web-mail/library partnership, and wireless network development. Amali suggested the addition of more multi-lingual/cultural development and increased focus on marginalized groups, esp. disabled/differently abled. Scott suggested the promotion of open source as a component of our strategic plan ♦ that is ♦ begin to phase out support for proprietary software and support users ♦ transition to O/S operating systems and software. Regarding the lab, Scott will talk to Ecotrust indicating VCN ♦s interest in being part of the Salt Box eco-building project.

M/s/c to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Monday April 26th, 2004 at 6:00pm at 411 Dunsmuir Street
(note change in start time to accomodate Richard ♦s ferry schedule)