

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY NETWORK

Minutes of Vancouver Community Network Board of Directors

Regular Monthly Meeting -- July 19, 2006

Meeting called to order at 6:15pm

Approval of the agenda - approved as circulated

Minutes of the last meeting - approved

Financial statements - discussion from Chantal. Notes:

- CAP Youth receivables set up
- CAP, expenses incurred but no line item yet as no contract from government
- Interest revenue up
- World Peace Forum complete
- Donations down
- Budget variances: donations down, CAP expenses up, CAP revenue up
- Overall it looks like we will end the year with a surplus
- Recommendation that we spend some of our reserves, invest in our infrastructure.

Staff reports

- CAP/CAP Youth contribution agreements have not yet arrived, but they are expected (see excerpts from e-mail).
- We have, on this expectation, hired the staff needed to complete these projects. The money is coming from our reserves at this point.
- World Peace Forum over and no technical difficulties experienced. Not clear what they will be doing with their web site post-event.
- Volunteers BC (HYPERLINK "http://societies.bc.ca" <http://societies.bc.ca/>) would like to complete their web site, and Steven has assigned interns to work on it.

- Squirrel mail has been updated.
- Diane deChief's thesis is now available: HYPERLINK "http://www3.fis.utoronto.ca/research/iprp/cracin/publications/pdfs/final/Dechief_thesis.pdf" http://www3.fis.utoronto.ca/research/iprp/cracin/publications/pdfs/final/Dechief_thesis.pdf
- Internship report
- See cap.vcn.bc.ca/capyi06 for examples of the CAP youth project
- The "mobile team" is very exciting and Steven thinks this is providing the best benefit to the community.

Retreat

- Discussion postponed
- Can we do a public awareness campaign?
- Can we have a "splash screen" on our web site warning people about government tracking?
- Can we make a "live" linux distro that has "TOR" and similar privacy tools included?
- Should VCN be enabling "mesh" networking in downtown Vancouver? Could we kick start this with our building on 411 and the library and SFU? Four sisters co-op at Cordova and Alexander? Dominion Building?

Lawful access and other privacy issues

- Update from Richard R., discussion about copyright

Wireless Hot Spots

- we have circulated a call for "volunteers" (CAP sites) to host a hot spot, two have taken us up on it so far
- Seeking to implement place site: HYPERLINK "http://info.placesite.com/index.rhtml?ps=1" <http://info.placesite.com/index.rhtml?ps=1>

New business

- None

Date of next meeting

- September 16, retreat on Bowen Island