

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY NETWORK

MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2006

*/AGENDA

1. Changes to the agenda.

/*None recorded.

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2. Minutes from the Retreat (posted separately).

/*Pedro disagreed with the minutes, as he recalls that we made and approved a motion to hire someone to work on the mesh networking and linux desktop project. Other members recalled the discussion, but not an actual decision. Since most of the members who attended the retreat were not present, the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

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3. Financial Statements.

/*These were discussed, including a draft budget for 2006/7. The budget was tabled because we still don't have final confirmation of the CAP amounts, and will be discussed again after the AGM.

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4. Staff Reports, if available

/* The staff's report was prepared and presented by Steven. Among the highlights:

- the CAP-YI "mobile team" is working on the mesh network demonstration project. VCN has purchased several mesh network router units from merakl for testing.
- Steven is planning to replace spamassassin, our current anti-spam program, with something more effective. [The recent flood of spam is a world wide phenomenon, apparently due to a massive army of 'zombie' computers infected with a trojan virus which is allegedly used by Russian spammers to send out millions of messages. In any case, VCN's current filter is only catching about half the spam it receives, and a better program is badly needed. Jim's comment]

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5. Retreat: Follow-up to discussions about the wireless mesh network pilot project and the Ubuntu linux projects.

/*Scott gave several board members an excellent introduction to Ubuntu linux before the meeting. There was general agreement to follow up with a demonstration at the AGM.

The mesh network pilot project is being carried out with volunteer users at the Three Sisters Housing Co-op.

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6. Old and Continuing Business, including:

a) Lawful Access and VCN Users' Privacy

/*There is still no new legislation. There had been rumours that it would be introduced this fall, but there is some hope that it may be seen as too controversial for a minority government, and may be delayed until after the expected spring federal election.

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b) Wireless Hot Spots?

/*Discussed briefly.

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c) Other issues?

/*None.

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7. AGM: Plans? Format? Logistics?

/*Plans for the AGM were discussed and approved. It will be held at 411 Dunsmuir (3rd floor) on Nov. 30 at 7:00. */

8. New business.

/* None.

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9. Date for next meeting, and adjournment. /*

/* */November 30th, at 5:30, followed by the AGM at 7:00.