

CCCS Board Meeting Agenda
January 14, 2008
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Board Members Present: Ron Evans, Michel Bazille, Stuart Ward, Brian Lande;

Regrets: Mark Nelson

Contractors Present: James Hindley, Babs Goertz; Regrets: Jean Prins, Jason Macleod, Bob Cross, Tracy McGrath, Christine Hyde

Members Present: Colin

1) Adopt Agenda – **Motion** to adopt the agenda: Stuart/ Michel – Agenda adopted

2) Member Presentations

a) None

3) Adopt minutes

a) December 17, 2007 meeting – **Motion** to adopt the December minutes:
 Brian/ Stuart – December minutes adopted

4) Business Arising

a) None

5) Contractor Reports/Presentations

a) Financial reports (Christine) Written Report

The balance sheet as of December 31 2007 shows the current years earnings at -\$3,356.35. The profit & Loss statement for the month of Dec 2007 shows a net profit of \$1,038.37. The profit & Loss statement as of Jan 14 for this month shows a profit of \$2,864.65 before paying contractor wages.

b) Public Relation and Webmaster reports (Jean)

i. December Subscribers:

Dial-up	# of Members	Subscrip. Fee	Maintenance Fee	Value
Plan 1	63	20	0	1260
Plan 2	40	35	0	1400
Plan 3	24	45	0	1080
Directors	0	20	0	0
Total Dial-up		Total Dial-up Revenue*		3730
High-speed				
Silver	97	55	5	5820
Gold	12	80	5	1020
Platinum	3	115	15	390
Titanium	4	145	15	640
Directors	5	30	0	150
Total High-speed		Total HS Revenue*		8020
Total Subscribers		Expected Total Revenue*		11750

*This does not include overage revenue or GST

Possible High-speed Revenue Losses for January (If the entire month is lost)				
Silver	83	55	5	4980
Gold	6	80	5	510
Platinum	0	115	15	0
Titanium	4	145	15	640
Directors	3	30	0	90
Total High-speed		Total HS Revenue*		6220
		Net Income (11750 – 6220)		5530

c) Tech/Installer reports

i. Bob – Not present

ii. James – James reports that the Fognar Mountain site is up and running as of this date. The next step is to aim all the townsite members toward this site so that they may have high-speed internet service reinstated. When that is done the next phase will be to get 4-mile set up to the Fognar Mountain signal. This will get 4-mile members up and running again. Once this part of the valley is set up the next issue to deal with is to get Saloompt and Hagensborg area up and running again. Everything is geared towards getting the high speed network running without depending on the mountain top signals. This will make any repairs or corrections easier and cheaper to deal with since it won't involve flying up to a mountain. This has been the biggest problem with our system in the past. Although the changes can't seem to come fast enough we are dealing with it as quickly as we can.

iii. Jason – Not present

6) Old Business

a) None

7) New Business

a) Letter to Telus – Michel has drafted a letter to Telus inquiring whether they would like to supply high speed internet service to the valley. Ron also drafted an alternate letter. (See both attached at the end of the minutes) These letters will be revised into one letter to be sent to Telus. Michel reports that efforts to get any clear answers by phone or email have been fruitless.

b) Seniors residence – this matter will be dealt with via email.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Brian – Meeting is adjourned.

(Draft to Telus)
Central Coast Communications Society
Box 278
Bella Coola, B.C.
V0T 1C0

December 13, 2007

Telus (need contact info)

Dear Sir or Madame

The Central Coast Communications Society is attempting to provide wireless high speed internet services to the residents of the Bella Coola Valley for the third season. CCCS took over the wireless high speed development and roll out from the Coast Communication Development Society. There have been a multitude of problems with the system, for the most part due to the original design, inadequate equipment and the challenges of operating and maintaining a wireless system in a mountainous community such as ours.

As a non-profit society we have done the best we can, with what has been passed on to us, to provide broadband internet service to a limited number of Bella Coola residents. The Central Coast Communications Society is concerned that by being the High Speed Internet Service Provider in the Bella Coola Valley we may inadvertently be blocking Telus from providing High Speed Internet service to the residents of the Bella Coola Valley.

Is the CCCS standing in the way of Telus providing high speed internet service to the residents of the Bella Coola Valley? A response would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

CCCS Board of Directors

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Dear Sir or Madame

The Central Coast Communications Society has served as the Bella Coola Valley's Internet Service Provider since 1995 first with a dial-up service and more recently with a wireless high-speed service. The wireless high-speed network development and roll-out was inherited from the Coast Connect Development Society. While our current plans call for us to continue serving the Bella Coola Valley to the best of our ability for the foreseeable future, the provision of dependable wireless High-speed Internet service with this inherited network does present challenges that we sometimes struggle with.

Since our primary concern is that our community be served in the most dependable and economical way possible, we must consider all possible solutions, even those that do not include us. One potential solution would be for us to ask Telus to provide High-speed service to the Bella Coola Valley. Is this even a possibility given our small population and remote location? If not, what are the impediments?

If Telus could supply high-speed Internet service to our community, then what kind of service would Telus be able to provide and how much of the Valley would you be able to service? What speeds could individual subscribers expect and what would their costs be? If we were to make such a request, how long would it take Telus to provide high-speed service to the Bella Coola Valley from the request date?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

CCCS Board of Directors