

CCCS Board Meeting Minutes October 12, 2006

Board Members Present: Ron Evans, Mark Nelson, Stuart Ward **Regrets:** Michele Bazille

Contractors Present: Barry Layton, Jean Prins, Dave Harris, James Hindley, Babs Goertz, **Regrets:** Roger Triebwasser, Christine Hyde

Members Present: None

CCDS ex-officio Board Member: Keith Corbould

1) Adopt Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda: Mark/ Stuart – agenda adopted.

2) Member Presentations - None

3) Adopt minutes

Motion to accept the September 14, 2006 board meeting minutes: Stuart/ Mark – minutes adopted.

4) Business Arising –

a) Klemtu system is working great.

b) The financial report for the BB completion project is coming along, but slowly.

c) The Microtek Network Manager is on back order

5) Contractor Reports/Presentations

a) Financial reports (Christine) (Barry read this report.)

i) Operations - We spent more than we made last month. The accounts receivable is starting to climb. We are now basically spending what we take in.

ii) BB Completion Project – Financial report is in the making.

Motion to accept the financial report: Mark/ Stuart - Adopted

b) Public Relation and Webmaster reports (Jean, James)

i) September subscribers:

Dial-up	
Plan 1	82
Plan 2	60
Plan 3	51
Directors	0
Total Dial-up	193
High-speed	
Silver	72
Gold	12
Other	3
Mt. View Lodge	4
Directors	5
Total High-speed	96
Total Subscribers	289

- ii) RE: Discussion about cutting back on the phone lines for dial-up service; Jean doesn't think we should cut back at this time, the system is still very active.
- iii) The Web site has been updated this last month.
- iv) Thanks to Dave for emailing the notice to members about making inquiries to contractors only when they are not at their regular jobs or at home.
- v) James is resigning as the back-up PR person since he now has a full time job. He will not be doing installs either so we should start looking for an additional installer.

c) Tech reports

- i) Roger – Not present
- ii) James – He is still studying the Linux material but not doing much for billable hours.
- iii) Dave –
 - (1) The stop on new installs should remain in place. These can resume when the E10 at the hospital is in place and new equipment is installed and tested.
 - (2) Downtown is as slow as up valley due to saturation (excessive use) of the BB line.
 - (3) A trip is planned to Noohalk to fuel the generator, repair the RMS, and clean up wiring. The trip up Noohalk is necessary or we won't have BB service this winter.

- (4) A trip to Saloompt is planned for later.
- (5) Dave is learning the Cisco Router in preparation for the switch to the E10s.
- (6) RE: Dial-up: we need to complete server switchover and get off the PLnet (this is a big job!)
- (7) We need to find a way to extra bill people who are over-using the bandwidth. This will be possible when the Microtek Network Manager arrives and is put into place.
- (8) Suggestion for reducing cost: Get out of email service. 2/3 of tech service is maintaining email service. Our email service is out-dated and redundant and it doesn't bring in any money. We don't have the staff to keep up with spammers and viruses. There are plenty of good email servers out there that people can use (Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.) We can have some seminars/workshops to help people who don't know how to use other email servers. The switchover could be done in 3 – 4 months. We should think about this. Dave will bring it up again at a future meeting.
- (9) We could try local web-hosting as a way of bringing in more money. This takes far less effort to maintain and should bring in some revenue.

d) Executive Director Report (Barry)

i) Operations

- (1) Valley Dial-up is working well.
- (2) Valley BB –
 - (a) Roger and crew went to 4 mile CBC site and installed the new antennae. With some adjustments coverage was maintained and improved.
 - (b) Dave and Roger are planning to get to Nuxalk to winterize, make sure everything is set up for remote monitoring and control and to install a 3 ft. dish to boost the Noohalk to Saloompt link.
 - (c) Kodiak has done the electrical work at both sites. Telus crews arrived and installed the fibre optic cable into the hospital. They did a great job and we owe them a big thank you.

Motion to send a written letter to the Telus line crew and cable technicians who did the fiber optic installs for Hagensborg and Bella Coola expressing our appreciation for their efforts and quality of their work.

Stuart/ Mark – Motion passed.

- (d) Industry Canada is pleased with the Valley BB system.
- (e) RE Sawmill Mtn. – the RCMP and Coast Guard are interested in the site; it could be sold and the money applied to the project.

- (f) Organizational chart deferred to next meeting
- (g) QOS died twice
- (h) WE need an additional installer soon. Barry will look for one.
- (i) New CPEs are here

Outer Coast

- (j) Denny Island continues to be a problem
- (k) We have a tentative offer for the equipment on King Island
- (l) Mount Hand is cleared up and sold
- (m) The coast guard and RCMP are interested in Sawmill Mountain
- (n) Still waiting for clarification of equipment for Kitasoo Lake to see if the band wants it.
- (o) FNTC wants our original receipts, but we need them for our other funders and our auditors.
- (p) Barry is finding time issues making it difficult to get things done as quickly as they need to be done.

Motion to accept the contractor reports: Mark/ Stuart – Adopted.

6) Old Business - None

7) New Business –

- a) Jean Mickelson at the Mtn View Lodge wants to be hooked up to the internet.
- b) We need a logo for CCCS.
- c) Keith says that Heiltsuk Cable wants the T1 back that CCDS let go last spring.

Motion to adjourn – Mark.