

Minutes of the Directors Meeting

Tuesday 6th Sept. 2016, 4.30pm at the Rec Centre.

Present – Lee Middleton, Michael Pierce, John Robertson, James White, Bernie Ziegler, Tom Haggart, Ron Lewis, Harvey Janszen.

Apologies – Barb Ropars.

Guest: Ron Grant of Skywaywest.

1)AGM

1.1)Approval of Minutes of Directors' Mtg., June 2016- Approved.

2)AGM Review

2.1)Communications with Members: Mail Chimp being implemented, response 30% to date, continue prompting members to register.

2.2)Note action required to remove "spam" headings from our server.- MP/HJ

2.3)The following Officers for this year were proposed and approved by the Board :President- Lee Middleton, Secretary- James White, Treasurer- Bernie Ziegler

3)Insurance Update

3.1)Awaiting confirmation from Broker that insurance is in place for \$2M. General Liability Insurance. Once confirmed we can sign the Chek contract.

3.2)Directors and Officers Insurance is in place.

3.3)WCB continues to cover our contractors.

4)Tech Update

4.1)Orcas problems ongoing, with continued poor communication of the problems and their actions to remedy. However they are continuing to charge at the old rate despite having upgraded our feed to 100Mb/sec.

4.2)Deltacable – continuing problems which affect 16 Members. Probable main issue is ASDL with insufficient upload capacity, coupled with insufficient IP addressing. We should add router in front of radio, and seek better upload capacity from them- MP/HJ

4.3)Samuel Island Link continues to have erratic slowdowns with as yet no diagnosis.

5.0)Ownership Changes at Relay Points

5.1)LM will continue to discuss the issue with the owner of the Crowley Relay and report back.

6.0)New Link Update

6.1)Roche Link- they wish to install our antennae now, as the towers will be restricted access when the LTE network is powered. This is an ongoing issue to us in the event of a radio failure, but we hope they will develop protocols to deal with maintenance access,(post meeting note- installation postponed until late Sept.)

6.2)Steveston Link still on-going testing to confirm signal quality. Our Chek Tower radio will be repositioned this week, along with other head end upgrades.

7.0)Ron Grant from Skywaywest

7.1)Ron Grant was introduced as Director of Skywaywest and also of VANIX, and presented some views and ideas to improve our network.-

a)Purchase blocks of IP addresses, registered to the SNC , to allow better traffic and the ability to run feeds from both the San Juans and the Mainland.

b)Consider fibre optic cable to connect those areas hard to reach by radio – a “Fibre Missing Link”,(We intend to pursue this with a BC Grant application if feasible).

c)Described the initiative to lay a submarine fibre highway connecting all the Gulf Islands and how that could transform communities such as Saturna.

d)Confirmed his continues interest and enthusiasm for Saturna and working to help SNC.

The Board thanked him for his contribution.

7.2)The Board resolved and approved a motion to purchase two blocks of Class C IP addresses, from the open market, to a maximum cost of \$6,000. Action MP assisted by Ron Grant.

8)AOB

8.1) It was agreed that there needs to be a prioritising of the issues facing the Board to ensure resources are best used this year. LM will address this at the next meeting.

8.2)The Board agree to implement the Job Description and payment proposed by MP regarding Chantelle Middleton, LM absented himself from the discussion and vote.

The meeting was adjourned.