

Call to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: Ellen Bourassa, David Cheslow, Andrée Fredette, Lee Middleton, Barb Ropars.

Regrets: Ron Lewis. Resignation: Matt Morrow.

1. In camera portion of the meeting

- a. Harvey Janszen
- b. Ryan Dentry

2. 2:15 p.m. Public portion of the meeting begins**3. Agenda:** approved.**4. Previous Directors' Meeting Minutes:** November 9, 2017, minutes approved, to be posted on saturnanet.net.**5. Officers reports****a. President**

The president reports that Matt Morrow presented his resignation from the board of directors. Directors thank him for his participation and service to the Coop.

b. Treasurer

After a report on bank balances, the treasurer points out that network upgrades need to be planned and budgeted, in order to gain a better understanding of upcoming needs. The treasurer circulated a draft budget summary/forecast for the current year, and upcoming 2018 financial year.

6. Technical report

a. Harvey Janszen describes rebuilding of the Cunningham link through Parnell, etc. The majority of AC radios have been upgraded, better quality. A good deal of the work and budget invested in the past year was directed to experiments with Clendenan, M. Pierce, and the search for other signal options, as well as Beacon. Harbour Centre was a failure; Steveston connection was moderately good; Rock Island was unproductive. HJ points out that 2 members of the Coop are currently hooked to Beacon Wireless.

b. Single point of contact (OS Ticket system): an attempt was made to use this system. The bookkeeper agreed to act as dispatcher, no traction with tech contractors however. Trial period has expired.

ACTION: David Cheslow will open an account with OS Ticket, and implement the system with the cooperation of techs Harvey Janszen and Ryan Dentry.

7. Beacon Wireless

a. Following the previous directors' meeting motions, the president gave written authorization (via email) to Ryan Dentry to transfer Hillcrest-linked members to the Beacon service. Radio coordinates were provided to Beacon, no start date was received from Beacon.

- i. The draft agreement between SNC-Beacon, previously circulated to the directors, was discussed point-by-point.

ACTION: The officers will prepare a second draft response, including revisions by directors, to be presented to Beacon Wireless for comments, counteroffer.

- ii. The agreement will then be presented to the membership, with comparisons to the status quo (i.e. SaturnaNet remains as is).

8. Ongoing upgrades

MOTION: Move that \$4,000 be transferred from the reserve to the chequing account, to allow AC radio upgrades to continue.

Moved by David Cheslow, seconded by Barb Ropars. **Carried.**

9. Next Meeting: Saturday, December 9, 2:30 p.m., location TBD

10. Meeting adjourned: 5:00 p.m.