

The National Capital FreeNet  
Executive Committee  
MEETING REPORT  
January 8, 2002

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The National Capital FreeNet Executive Committee met on the 8th of January 2001 at Master's Brew Pub, 330 Queen St. Ottawa.

Committee members present: Cathy Wenuk (ep584)  
David Millman (aa342)  
Sandy Campbell (dt820)  
Ian MacEachern (bi207)  
Gary Eikenberry (aa353)  
Chris Cope (bz787)

Guests: Jim Elder (aa456)

Chris Cope, acting as Chair (and Secretary) called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The following matters were discussed:

1. **New Strategy and Budget:** The Committee provided comment and suggestions to the ED on the latest draft of the Financial Strategy. The document is to be presented to the full Board at the next Director's meeting, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002. The draft will incorporate some simplification of tasks and is to incorporate financial forecasts by period.
2. **2002 Budget:** The most recent draft of the 2002 Budget was discussed. The Budget is to be presented to the full Board at the next Director's meeting, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002. The Budget will be conservative, while certain targets in the strategy will remain aggressive.
3. **ED Contract:** It was noted that the time has come to negotiate a renewal of the ED' contract. Mr. MacEachern indicated that it was his wish to continue in this position. MacEachern will present a proposal to the Executive Committee.
4. **Arts FreeNet:** The work that Len Murray (bh295) to publish a book (fundraiser) is doing was discussed. The ED will monitor and assist where required.

5. **Projects:** Discussion was deferred until the Board meeting January 15, 2002, following circulation of Project status in the ED Report.
6. **NCF 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** The ED advised that the originally selected dates were unavailable and the new plan is to hold the event on February 13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> – to be confirmed.
7. **AGM:** A letter is to go out to all members, inviting Board candidates. Sandy Campbell will compose draft. A survey is to be attached to the ballot. Jim Elder to work on format and content. Others are invited to suggest possible questions.
8. **Bylaw Change:** Ian is to review work of the Bylaw review team, now that John Peterson is no longer involved with a view to determining the necessity of proposed “housekeeping” changes.
9. **Modems:** Ian indicated that the solution currently in test with donated equipment might not work. He noted that there might be used analog gear available to us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.