

Cumberland TLT Meeting

Minutes

September 30, 2003

Present: Doris Seal, Elizabeth Jamerson, Linda Eanes, Yvonne Earvin, Marty Shute, Bruce Robinson, Gail Thompson, Jo Smith, Phil Scarborough, Pat Bickel, Jill Matthews, Major Thompson, Mathew Mathai, John Nichols, and Van Petty.

Minutes: On a motion by Doris Seal and seconded by Gail Thompson, the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

BEV Directories: Mathew Mathai, Director of the Blacksburg Electronic Village (BEV), conducted training on how to use the three web page directories (people, businesses, and community groups). TLT members practiced inputting information into the different directories. This was a very informative training and provided useful experience for TLT members that will serve as web page administrators. Mr. Mathai gave helpful suggestions and answered many questions posed by the TLT members.

The following are key points of the discussion with Mathew Mathai regarding the community web page:

- Virginia Tech support of the Cumberland web page will end in 2005
- Jaime Shetrone's position will end March 1, 2004
- User fees cannot be charged until after the grant ends
- Cumberland web page use outside of the county must be approved by the TLT
- Grant funding is available for rescue squad buildings to have the internet to support Home Land Security and Disaster Planning
- Technology should be replaced every five years
- Community groups that want their web page hosted by BEV - annual fee is \$20.00
- Businesses with five or fewer employees web page hosted by BEV is free during the grant phase
- Work with county officials to include wiring for internet in county ordinances and laying fiber in ditches when there is major excavation projects in the county, such as installing water lines, etc.
- Design of fiber optic grid for Cumberland and e-corridors. This information is hard to obtain because the large companies like VA Power, Sprint, Verizon, etc. will not share this information.
- Bruce Robinson, Jill Matthews, Linda Eanes, Marty Shute, Doris Seal, Yvonne Earvin, and Van Petty agreed to serve as web page administrators

Technology Assessment: John Nichols, BEV, conducted this part of the training. Mr. Nichols gave an overview of the vision, benefits, goals, strategies, etc... for the TOP Grant Project. Each county participating will be responsible for gathering information for the technology assessment and master plan. Our first assignment was to gather existing planning information and identify associated decision makers. The following TLT members agreed to be contacts:

- Education – Elizabeth Jamerson
- Government – Jill Matthews

- Community Groups – Van Petty

Van Petty stated that he would identify people in the county to serve as contacts for the remaining positions and send the list to Jaime Shetrone.

Van reminded TLT members of the dates for upcoming meetings. They are as follows:

- October 15, 2003 – Cumberland web page promotion, Duke Café, CHS, 7:00 pm
- October 21, 2003 – Basic computer/web page workshop, Log Cabin, CHS, 7:00 pm

Van also stated that the Cumberland web page will go public the first week of October and encouraged TLT members to check their e-mail.

The meeting adjourned around 9:20 pm.

Note: Enclosed is a copy of the Directory Administrator and Technology Assessment handouts.

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