

POS meeting at Karma, 8:00 pm

April 9, 2008

In attendance: Herb Vanden Dool, Filip Haderer, Andrea Rosen, and rolf struthers

Agenda

Review of FreeForm Solutions Interim report

e-mail conversation with Julian and meeting with Julian

comments to Julian

comments to Finance Committee

New recruits?

Initial comments:

1. Herb agrees that OpenBravo is probably the best solution at the present time (mostly European customers – not coops). Seems to be easy to modify and the next version of the POS looks like it will be able to handle customers (members' information).
2. Andrea thought that the programming language is more difficult (Java) and this might be a constraint. Herb feels the programming will not be an obstacle.
3. FreeForm is familiar with the programming language "PHP." Herb thinks they can also support Java.
4. We would like to know why the report states that Open Bravo is easy to use in the table on Page 8.
5. We would like sit down and look at a demo of each of the systems with FreeForm if possible.
6. Can FreeForm provide a support contract? Do we need a third computer system in case one of our systems fails.
7. Filip commented that he thinks that Open Bravo seems to be the most appropriate system and we should find sufficient funding to bring this on. Otherwise he recommends we go with the Catapult system at \$25,000 US for two cash stations, a server and training (initial costs). Then there are support costs (check website). We might be able to get the Catapult company to help us further as we will be their first customer in Canada. The drawback is the software is proprietary.
8. We would like further explanation of the item "consultation with Karma on business processes" estimate of \$14400?

Rolf will forward comments to Julian. He will then ask Julian when a convenient time to meet. It will be after April 27th.

Comments to the Finance Committee: Julian will be demoing (he failed to put this in his report and that this would complete his contracted work with the investigation). We will have a completed report by the middle of May. In the interim we have the interim report as requested by Karma's President for the purposes of making a submission to OCA.

We will give the completed report (after comments have been sent to Julian and included in the report) and a synopsis of Catapult as well to the member who mentioned they had some expertise with POS systems.

We adjourned to Linux to see an Open Bravo demo.