DALNET Steering Committee 7/26/99
Botsford General Hospital

Present: D. Adams, K. Bacsanyi, L. Bugg, J. Flaherty, J. Houser, P. Jose, G. Libbey, H. Masek, S. Muir, M. Sheble

Minutes of 7/12/99 - add Scott's name to attendees.

The DALNET rep for the Sunrise Circulation Joint Application Development must be very knowledgeable of Dalnet's needs. Scott proposed and the committee concurred that Anaclare would be the best choice for rep. Louise will followup up with Anaclare.

Anaclare And Scott met with Earl Boyce at ALA. They discussed the need for all DALNET libraries to be on same release.

Horizon 6.0 includes Unicode and is a major release. The need for reindexing will have a significant impact on Dalnet--UDMs reindexing has been running for a month now.

Ameritech plans to place some database clients on the server instead of on a PC so this should help in future.

Cataloging client on Sunrise looks nice--it moves away from individual modules to a whole system with individual staff profiles which will follow their login wherever they work. Anaclare and Randy have a 6.0 beta client.

English Wizard is a new report writer supported by Ameritech--natural language, looks good, downloads to Excel for printing out. Harry says a pricing algorithm is being worked on now. Louise says we prefer a DALNET site license. It was unclear whether this could replace Reportsmith or just provide further flexibility in reporting.

Dynix is not going away per Ameritech. They do have a migration plan for Dynix libraries to move to Horizon. WebPAC is common to all products.

John talked to Rick at ALA about patron authentication. Rick seemed to understand our concepts better.

NOTIS is moving to Sunrise as is Horizon. It appears that the two products will eventually merge.

Karen talked to Ameritech rep Helen Gbala about the use of Boolean operators and adjacency.

Patron algorithm--Harry to follow up with Ricc for his comments on what was sent and explained to him. Louise expressed concern that patron data conversion be thought about up front as product is designed. This could be a show stopper for shared patron file. All libraries need to be reminded to add last four digits of soc number and birth month and day so conversion can be done when algorithm ready.

Webpac 1.3 is not released for Solaris. Libraries will be brought up on 1.2. There was concern that no progress on any of the enhancements has been made and this will be brought forward for discussion with Lana Porter at board meeting Tuesday.

Children's Opac TF work is not progressing. It was felt that the two co-chairs are not experienced with this. They need guidance/instruction, need experience on Horizon. Louise suggested they might need another person who is knowledgeable about Horizon and Webpac on the TF.Ameritech is waiting for Dalnet to make recommendations. The TF should continue with their self-education and John will meet with them. Perhaps Adriene could help more with specs in January and she can start her own self-education on this topic now. Louise will ask Adriene.
Scott, Harry, and Rick will have conference call to talk about the process and when an Ameritech person could be assigned to the TF.

Fiscal rollover--test on UDM is done, next run will be in production, looks good on 5.0.2. Maryann concerned about lack of documentation on fiscal year close procedures. Libraries who develop good documentation could have it posted on the Horizon-L site. Pre- and post-reports need to be developed for fiscal close--Charlotte is working on those.

All libraries to come up from now on will be on 5.1.2. WSU will go up July 31, Botsford soon. 5.1.2 client will overwrite old 5.1.1 client. George said week of August 21-28 might be good for UDM to convert.

Bare bones booking module is in Horizon 5.2, Jim said TF gave list of requirements to Scott several months ago. Scott will followup.

Board reports:
John has two help desk people in training, will interview for other help desk and webmaster soon. Major issues relating to migration and functionality will be gathered and written up later to be sent to Ameritech--example, WSU data was damaged in migration.

Partnership report is looking at big picture. Debbie recommends we somehow suggest certain points be responded to by Ameritech. Wepbac 1.3 may be show stopper for DPL and Notis cannot be supported by Dalnet after end of year. Does Ameritech have a support staff person assigned to 1.3/Solaris problem? Harry will follow up before board meeting tomorrow. Debbie said the sooner libraries have the tools to get info out of Horizon database, re. Reportsmith, the sooner they will be comfortable with letting go of Notis. Phyllis and the rest concurred that the report was well-written and very informative.

John asked whether birth month/day goes in just as that or does system add a year--he will do some further investigation. Debbie said system just displays month/day and no year in borrower record.

Louise stated the need to make sure shared authority is synced across all libraries. Scott also said that Dalnet will need to be up on two versions during the transition period for any upgrade.

Scott will look into more training by Ameritech on Reportsmith

NLM is incorporating ISO standards into the new DOCLINE product, due out around end of year.

Board may need to negotiate new dates and payment timeline on certain enhancements due to what has been learned.

Training at WSU is primarily for train the trainer. Mary Ann suggested a note be sent out to other libraries to that affect.

Ameritech is working with WSU on server system performance problems.

The test server was undersized. DALNET would like advice from Ameritech. DALNET and Ameritech need to design a model for support services. The Steering Committee agreed that the top priorities in the list of enhancements are as follows in priority order:
1. Webpac 1.3
2. Shared authority file
3. Shared patron file
4. Authentication system (needs the shared patron pieces in place)

Library Progress Reports:
Botsford asks for Ameritech contact re. borrower invoices.
John will be selecting a quote for a UPS and placing the order soon. Vendors say 3-6 weeks for delivery. Server cannot be shipped until UPS is here.
UDM has had difficulties with email on campus and is up on original email server for now.
Louise reported that WSU will convert Acquis to Horizon in Oct. They are currently testing upload of records to OCLC. They are also working on automatic upload of new LC subject headings.
Group 3 and 4 are progressing. Scott will send out info on how libraries can look at other libraries data after Group 3 is up.

August 9 - UDM (Karen takes minutes)
August 23 - Botsford, Classroom C, Zieger Admin bldg (Louise takes minutes)