Minutes from the MARINet Board Meeting
Hamilton Offices
November 19, 2009

In attendance: Anji Brenner (Mill Valley); David Dodd (San Rafael); Frances Gordon (Larkspur); Sara Loyster (San Anselmo); Debbie Mazzolini (Belvedere-Tiburon); Scott Bauer (Marin County); Augie Webb (Sausalito); Deb Moehrke (MARINet).

I. Public Comment Period: no public in attendance

II. Introduction of guests: Scott Bauer, Deputy Director of County Library Services, attended for Gail Haar; Augie Webb from Sausalito attended for Mary Richardson.

III. Minutes –M(Gordon)/S(Mazzolini)/U approved

IV. Future Agenda Items: None were raised.

V.Old Business

A. Committee Structure Update. Debbie Mazzolini summarized her written report to the Board (attached). After some discussion**, Mazzolini offered to put together some findings and a recommendation for the Executive Committee, which would then be brought to the MARINet retreat in January.** Mazzolini will work with Deb Moehrke to fine tune this document.

B. Emerging Technologies Taskforce. Dodd brought proposed language for an Emerging Technologies (ET) Task Force charge: "Monitor technology innovations from all fields, keeping eyes open for potential uses at the MARINet level." Dodd proposed that the ET Task Force should include members from a variety of library disciplines (adult, children's, tech, circ…). Directors proposed potential members, although this is not a finalized list: Sean Mooney (Mill Valley); Linda Kenton (San Rafael); Richard Tan or Teresa Capasso (Larkspur); Augie Webb or Jonathan Hirsch (Sausalito); Maureen Durnell (San Anselmo); Scott Bauer, Amanda Foust, or Julie Magnus (MCFL); Dan McMahon (MARINet); Bel-Tib library had several staff under consideration**. The Board will fine-tune the charge to the Task Force at its next meeting, decide on representation from libraries, and launch the Task Force following the January retreat.**

C. Open Source Check-in: Moehrke pointed out that the current issue of Library Technology Reports is about Open Source. She also announced a webinar on December 10. **MARINet will consider subscribing to ALA TechSource** (offering the webinar). Brenner and Moehrke will discuss. **Anyone attending the webinar is requested to take notes and report back to the Board.**

D. Patrons at or near checkout and holds limits: Moehrke brought a chart showing current numbers of patrons approaching or at the limits, and gave her assessment that

we don't really have a problem. **We will look at another snapshot in three months, and put back on the agenda.** It was also requested that we look at this report in the context of the entire collection size, and check, as well, to see if the same patrons are doing this over and over again, based on a snapshot.

E. Online Homework Tutorial Help: Some discussion resulted in the suggestions that we look at this kind of service as a MARINet initiative. The idea will be passed along to the Database Task Force, and we will ask them to look at possible consortial purchase of an online tutorial product for FY 10-11. **Scott Bauer will communicate this to Gail Haar, who will communicate to the Task Force. Brenner will obtain a ballpark figure by budget-construction time for BrainFuse. Moehrke will get an estimate from Live Homework Help.**

F. AquaBrowser Update: Moehrke passed out a written update from project consultant Diana Spaulding. The Board discussed the potential go-live date, and agreed that a date in mid-December would be fine. One obstacle to implementation is a networking issue with the proxy servers at Bel-Tib and Mill Valley, so Brenner and Mazzolini will see how long a fix might be estimated to take, and, if it looks like a long-term fix, we will launch without an operational 360Search integration for those two libraries. The Board also discussed a proposal by the Task Force to change the URL for the Discovery Catalog to search.marinet.info, and decided to stay with find.marinet.info.

VI. New Business

A. Develop January Board Retreat Agenda: Several potential topics for the retreat were proposed, and the **Board agreed to place Committee Structure Work and Goals (particularly the goal of defining basic services and shared services) on the retreat agenda**. Subtopics under these include finalizing the Emerging Technologies Task Force charge and Databases. **The Board agreed not to meet in December, unless an urgent item arises.**

    Prior to the retreat, Brenner and Mazzolini will look at the basic services definitions in preparation for a discussion. Mazzolini will re-work her existing spreadsheet on the topic, and send it to the Executive Committee.

    The retreat is scheduled for January 21st in Mill Valley, exact location to be determined, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first part of the day will be given over to a regular business meeting, with the afternoon for retreat topics.

B. Technical Services Workflow Products: Moehrke talked about several potential Innovative Interfaces products, including an inventory product and a streamlined shopping cart, which would be a potential topic for a presentation on December 17th. Moehrke will send out information, and directors will decide whether to attend and what other staff members to invite.

C. Training plans for Dan McMahon: Moehrke spoke about the potential of piggy-backing on training for McMahon for other library staff members, as part of Innovative University. MARINet would pay $200 for the training, and we could send people to

participate. Moehrke will send out information to all, once she determines what is being scheduled.

VII. Standing Items for agenda

A. Reports from Committee Liaisons: no committee meetings were held.

B. System Administrator's Report. The deadline to let Moehrke know if we wish to purchase any year-end sale user or Express-Lane licenses is December 16.

C. Dominican update: Moehrke and Dominican Library Director Gary Gorka went over all the costs, and met with AquaBrowser by telephone, with the result that the cost for ABL was lowered to $10,000, which would be a Dominican cost. Dominican is negotiating with Innovative around other costs for migrating to MARINet from MALC.

D. Correspondence – none.

VIII. Announcements:
San Rafael: City has requested all department prepare 10% budget cut scenarios mid-year.
MCFL: Experiencing a 40% increase in retirement costs next fiscal year. They'll be going to the ballot in June 2010 for a $49 parcel tax with a seven-year sunset. In the meantime, they need to prepare two budgets.
San Anselmo: Readying a campaign for a $49 parcel tax with a five-year sunset. "Fund Our Future" is the campaign slogan.
Larkspur: Has a new City Manager, and a newly-elected Council member.
Belvedere-Tiburon: Participating in the Prop 1A takeaway securitization. Restructuring the Bel-Tib Library Foundation.
Sausalito: Not participating in the upcoming Borders Books promotion.
Mill Valley: Finishing renovations with NYPL-style reading lamps, new fiction moved downstairs. Implemented Envisionware scheduling software, which includes laptops for overflow users.

Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by David Dodd