

V-Cat Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2014 (9:30 am – 12:30 pm)
Granton Community Library

Call to Order: M. Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Members Present: M. Dunn, C. Taylor, V. Calmes, S. Bedroske, K. Metzke, C. Huston, J. Bobrofsky, A. LaRoche, E. Schwartz, K. Heiting, M. Taylor, S. Lehr, E. Grunseth, J. Beloungy, D. Korenuk, E. Brewster, B. Schemenauer, M. Gobert, C. Smith, and T. Blomberg.

Members Absent: J. Gustavson (proxy J. Bobrofsky), T. Hurlburt (proxy M. Taylor), L. Petersen (proxy K. Heiting), C. Lemerande (proxy Mary Dunn)

Also, Present J. Dixon, M. Waltz, T. O'Neill, D. Litzer, S. Stevens, A. Mroczenski, J. Klingbeil, I. Christman, K. Wendt, T. Bobrofsky, and M. Sepnafski.

Announcements: M. Dunn introduced Erica Brewster as the new E.U. Demmer Library director.

Approval of the Order of the Agenda: C. Taylor moved to approve the order of the August 7, 2014 V-Cat meeting agenda. K. Heiting seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the June 5, 2014 Minutes: J. Bobrofsky moved to approve the June 5, 2014 V-Cat meeting minutes. C. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

V-Cat Financial Report: I. Christman presented the V-Cat January through June 2014 financial reports and summary for approval. S. Bedroske moved to approve the financial reports and summary as presented. M. Gobert seconded. Motion carried.

Project NWLS/WVLS – Vote Regarding ILS Merger: J. Bobrofsky moved that the Wisconsin Valley Library Service V-Cat consortium dissolve and merge its integrated library system with the Northern Waters Library Service Merlin consortium integrated library system and that the vote be taken by paper ballot. K. Heiting seconded. A lively discussion followed. An amended motion was made by K. Heiting to read: the Wisconsin Valley Library Service V-Cat consortium merge with Northern Waters to create a new integrated library system via paper ballot. C. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

M. Dunn appointed J. Beloungy and V. Calmes as the vote tally keepers. A paper ballot was used for voting. The final count was: 14 yes, eight no and one abstained and one no ballot (see-attached sheet for actual vote tally). The ILS merger vote did not pass, since sixteen votes in favor of the ILS merger were necessary to carry the motion.

WVLS/V-Cat Steering Committee Report: S. Stevens presented the Committee's draft V-Cat Participation agreement. A. LaRoche moved to approve the agreement. J. Bobrofsky seconded. Motion carried.

Other Sierra Issues: I. Christman continues to track the next Sierra update.

I. Christman updated member libraries on the upcoming change to a single OCLC holding symbol (WiVLS). One library may still opt to keep its own OCLC symbol and pay the difference. The new OCLC pricing, which is included in the 2015 V-Cat Budget, will help reduce the cost for V-Cat members.

K. Metzke inquired about changing the webpac status from "available" to "checked in" for items available. I. Christman confirmed that this would entail programming costs. The council agreed by consensus that it did not want to proceed with this suggestion.

J. Bobrofsky suggested that WVLS develop a V-Cat Training/Mentoring program for new directors. I. Christman announced that this suggestion is being incorporated into the 2015 WVLS System plan as part of a larger program that would provide training/mentoring in all aspects of being a new director.

A. LaRoche inquired about her OverDrive statistics for May 2014 since these were not going to be available due to a glitch in the authentication. Several members suggested that they would estimate from the previous month's OverDrive statistics, with a note clarifying this number for their library boards.

M. Dunn announced that the Tomahawk Library would be closed for the month of September. Full time staff will be working should anyone have questions about her materials.

S. Stevens and I. Christman will provide "cheat" sheets on how to view the "High Demand Lists" at the October 2014 V-Cat meeting.

Now that the ILS merger was voted down, S. Stevens inquired what happens next. I. Christman talked about the Cooperative Circulation Committee pursuing a holds consultation with Innovative, the Bib/Interface Committee developing a plan to evaluate various discovery layers, and the formation of a committee to develop best practices for packaging courier materials.

M. Taylor suggested that V-Cat explore two new concepts:

- automatic renewal of materials
- something like Baker & Taylor's "Automatically Yours" for patrons that want to opt in to have items automatically placed on hold for items written by their preferred authors.

I. Christman will update all libraries to have the hold shelf time set to 7 days as agreed upon at the June 2014 V-Cat meeting.

M. Taylor provided an update on the change in Minocqua to have patrons pick-up holds from an open shelf. Patrons really like this change and she would recommend this for any library.

One library reported having ghost scans and the discussion ended with the comment that the library should examine the scanner that they are using. Further investigation should be done and, if necessary, a help desk ticket will be submitted to Innovative.

M. Gobert reported that a patron requested that the email notices include a live link to the webpac. Gobert will submit a help desk ticket to WVLS to summarize the request.

Request for October 2, 2014 Agenda Items:

The following items will be on the October 2, 2014 agenda:

- Update on Discovery layer options
- Holds consultation
- Demo of high demand lists

Adjournment of the Meeting: J. Bobrofsky moved to adjourn the meeting. K. Heiting seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.

Submitted: August 28, 2014
Inese Christman, Recorder