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2007 Annual Members Meeting Results

The Annual Members Meeting of Polar Communications was held on Thursday, June 7, 2007. A total of 369 members registered during the meeting. Members and guests were served a meal prior to the meeting.

Dan Stenvold, Mayor of Park River, welcomed the attendees to Park River and Sean Barnhart of the Park River Bible Camp gave the invocation.

President Brian Udby conducted the meeting. General Manager David Dunning and President Brian Udby gave a joint presentation to the members.

Three directors were elected to Polar's board of directors. Amber Meyer of St. Thomas will represent District 1; Jon A. McMillan of Fordville will represent District 2; and Greg Steffes of Arthur will represent District 3. All three directors elected will serve a three-year term.

Recommended by-law revisions were reported to the members. The membership voted unanimously to approve all by-law revisions as printed in the Polar Annual Report.

The Polar Retiree Scholarships were presented to the following: William H. Redner-Motley, MN; Jeremy Ness-Rugby, ND; James Midgarden-Dent, MN; and Nicholas Ahmann-Mahnomen, MN. Clayton Jasper of Robinson, ND was not present to receive his scholarship.

The 2007 John G. Walters Scholarships were presented to Laura Bylin of Adams, Allison Cyr of Grafton, and Sam Zikmund of Pisek. Brent Salwei and Amber Gebeke both of Arthur were not present to receive their scholarships.

Polar Communications presented the Business of The Year Award to Randy and Diana Hahn of Jim's SuperValu, located in Park River.

Service awards were presented to the following Polar employees: 5 years – Melanie Bernhoft, Dale Holand, Justin Lindell, Lesa Whaley, and Denise Kaste; 10 years – Donald Pich, Stacey Swartz, Curtis Simon, and Reed Daws; 20 years – Roger Setness; 25 years – Russell Ramsey; 35 years – Thomas Erovick, Edward Karas, Joyce Nickerson, Richard Rygg, Mark Sundby, Loren Moe, Veronica Stark, and Wayne Johnson.

Thomas Erovick and Karen Johnson were recognized for their recent retirements.

Service awards were presented to the following Polar directors: 10 years – Ron Steinke and Beverly Jensen; 15 years – Brian Udby.

Secretary-Treasurer Beverly Jensen reported to the members.

Several prize drawings were held throughout the meeting.



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Amber Meyer



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New Employees

Scott Roberts began his employment on April 30th, 2007 as the new Area Service Representative covering the Cavalier area. His duties include installing and servicing telephone, cable TV and Internet for customers. Scott and his wife Martha reside in Cavalier with their daughter Tesla.



Scott Roberts

Corey Tice is the newest Area Service Representative in Mayville. Corey began on May 7th, 2007 and his duties also include installing and servicing telephone, cable TV and Internet for customers. Corey is a recent graduate of the Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Wadena.



Corey Tice

Welcome Scott & Corey!

Interns

Jeremy Ness began his internship with Polar on May 21, 2007. He will be assisting in various departments working on telephone, cable TV and Internet installations and repairs. Jeremy is from Rugby, ND and completed 2 years at Bemidji State University and recently received an Applied Associates degree in Telecommunications Engineering from Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Wadena.



Jeremy Ness

Fisayo Omotunde began on May 29, 2007. She will be assisting with general office duties such as filing, shredding, etc. Fisayo will be a junior at Park River High School in the fall. Her parents are Dr. and Mrs. Omotunde of Park River.



Fisayo Omotunde

Welcome Jeremy & Fisayo!

Employee Promotions

Justin Loftsgard began his employment with Polar in May 1996. He was promoted to Network Specialist on April 1, 2007. Justin's duties include installing and maintaining wireless Internet, DSL, special circuits, PBX and key systems and alarm and video surveillance equipment.



Justin Loftsgard

Dan Hunt began his employment with Polar in October 2004. He was promoted to Combination Technician on May 1, 2007. Dan's duties include installing and maintaining telephones, wireless Internet, DSL, PBX and key systems and alarm and video surveillance equipment.



Dan Hunt

Congratulations Justin & Dan!

Summer Construction – Network Updates

Polar's Plant Department has been busy this spring plowing new facilities to subscribers whose underground facilities failed in poor weather conditions over the winter.

The 2007 Polar budget includes \$3.6 million dollars in outside plant rebuild projects. Each year Polar continues to make network improvements, investing in your communities and the vitality of North Dakota.

The construction upgrade project for 2007 includes the communities of Crystal, Hoople, St.Thomas, Gilby,

Inkster, Niagara, Wolverton and Walcott. The construction includes bringing services such as High Speed Internet and Cable TV into the rural areas.



Hi, my name is Ashley Flaagan and I'm from Cavalier ND. I was the participant chosen to go on a Federal Rural Service tour of Washington D.C. When we arrived, the day was mainly spent at the hotel getting to know everyone, and the chaperones. The next few days we visited a lot of monuments and had several educational tours. We visited places such as: Mount Vernon, The Smithsonian Museums, Arlington National Cemetery, The National Zoo, and the Supreme Court/Library of Congress. We also had the chance to eat dinner at Hard Rock Cafe, and lunch at the ESPN Zone. This trip was such a blast! It will always be a memory that I will cherish forever. Thank you so much for choosing me to sponsor you Polar Communications! It meant a lot!

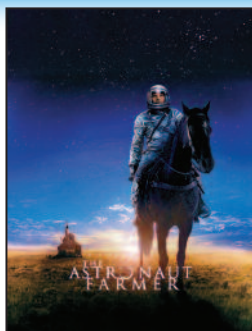


Ashley Flaagan

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