Meeting Minutes

Called By: Dave Miller
Subject: Microsoft Conference Call
Date: 08/18/94   **Time:** 10:00am PST;
11:00am MST
Location: Walnut Creek, Provo (F231, 801-429-2644), Redmond (206-936-2238)

Attendees: Ben Hendrick, Dawn Drake, Dave Miller, Diana Murry, Terry Alquist, Marie McDougal

1) Diana has accepted a new position as the group manager of the on-line services organization at Microsoft. Next week will be her last conference call. Her most probable replacement at this time is Paul Statton.

2) The beta agreement has been signed, and copies for everyone on the list will go out Fed-x today.

3) Microsoft would prefer that we use one person to funnel through for support. The will accept one per group but not over 10 groups. Frankly, Diana would not give an exact number of how many support contacts Microsoft will accommodate from Novell for current and future betas. She asked that most of the issues be done over the alias NOVSUP. Phone call issues need to be funneled through a contact.

4) Novell is automatically on the beta list for M6.2 release of Chicago. They ship the beta copies in "waves." Diana said we should get our copy within the week. Because we are on the beta list, we also should be receiving the updates. Diana would not confirm any time frame for how often they are releasing updates.

5) The statement in PC week by Jim Alcin about NTS 3.5 going to manufacturing September 21, 1994 is correct. Diana said that they would ship early October "give or take two weeks."

6) Microsoft asked why they had not received a beta copy of 4.1 since it began shipping as of August 15, 1994. It was explained that we are not doing our mass beta ship until September. They will get a copy of the beta then and we will do about an eight week cycle. Microsoft will need a license for this beta and Rob Hicks is working on this.

7) Can Novell get a copy of NTS. Diana said that this was part of the discussion going on with the upper management from both companies. Novell requested that if we cant get the NTS software, then can we get the documentation?

8) Some of the file names between the two companies are the same but have different functions. Example: NetWare DRV. For Novell is does commands such as capture, map, and send messages over the net. For Microsoft it handles requests and passes them on to the appropriate places. The two companies need to coordinate file names. Novell is asking Microsoft to change their file names.

9) Terry Ahlquist is requesting a complete feature spec for Daytona.

10) Discussion about bundling in Chicago. This has been discussed previously. Need to work with Diana's replacement on this. At this point, until the license agreement for the redirector source is signed by Novell ("which probably won't happen"), it is not possible per Microsoft that the redirector will be bundled. The agreement is hung up in legal. There is a contamination issue dealing with Novell wanting to support multiple platforms. From a technical standpoint Novell cannot wait for this legal battle to be

solved. Diana stated that as long as it was a multiple platform issue, the tech support people could not talk with Novell. She suggests sending inquiries through NOVSUP. They may get answered and they may not depending upon what is it.

11) Beta agreements. There used to be an open beta agreement between Microsoft and Novell in which addendum's could be added to according to Diana. For some reason that agreement lapsed as of December 1993. Diana is going to work on building a new agreement that both companies can agree to. This hopefully will save the hassle of going through getting agreements signed for every beta release for both companies.

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