

Tellico Village Computer Users Club

January 12, 2010 Board Meeting

3:00 PM Meeting called to order by Bob Foster.

Board Members Present: Bob Foster, Pete McDermott, Gary Corn, Jan Schneck, Dennis Malcolm, Jim Peterson, Steve Popovich and Ken Ray

Board Members Absent: Sharon Addison

Also in attendance: Vince Aline, Jim Autry, Dean Miller, Bob Mugge, Joe Solymossy, Don Stieghan, Lou Miller, Dick Schmeling and Wes Clark

Joe Solymossy requested the 1/5/10 minutes be adjusted to indicate the Staples reward for 10 used cartridges is \$30, not \$5. **Schneck agreed to make that change. Jim Peterson motioned to approve the January 5, 2010 General Meeting minutes as revised and to approve the minutes of the Board and Executive Meetings of November 10, the General Meeting of December 1 and the Board Meeting of December 8, 2009. Ken Ray seconded. The Board approved.**

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President, Pete McDermott – No report

Treasurer, Gary Corn (and Dick Schmeling)

- Schmeling distributed the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2009. The Club received \$930 in membership dues, \$25 in scanner fees and \$0.79 of bank interest. Expenses included bank charges of \$99.16, software purchases of \$120, consumable supplies of \$26.59, website cost of \$75, overpaid dues reimbursements of \$50 plus \$50 for the Club's monthly donation to TAP. These revenues and expenses resulted in a \$535.04 net cash inflow. The Pass-Through Account took in \$2,387 and paid out \$759.93 for supplies, for a net inflow of \$1,627.07 during the month. Since the TAP Program began, the Pass-Through Account has received a total of \$37,605.38 and used a total of \$23,607.79, leaving a balance of \$13,997.59 in that account of which \$4,278 is reserved for remaining lease/rent and utilities. This leaves TAP with \$9,719.59 available for other expenses. The Treasury's bank balance at the end of December was \$19,369.54 of which \$13,997.59 is designated for the Pass-Through Account, leaving \$5,371.95 available for general Club operations.
- Schmeling submitted the form for our tax exemption status including our new address. The IRS confirmation was sent to the state, but we have not yet received the new tax exemption forms.
- Schmeling also stated that the dues for 2010 were paid to APCUG in December.
- The Treasurer's records were audited at Schmeling's home, but he has not seen the auditors' final report yet. We should expect the results of their audit any day now.
- All of the records are on a CD and were turned over to Gary Corn as the new Treasurer.
- The bank will need a copy of the minutes, signed by the Secretary, indicating the new signatories for banking documents.
- **Ken Ray motioned to have the President Bob Foster, Vice President Pete McDermott and Treasurer Gary Corn be the 2010 signers for bank documents. Steve Popovich seconded. Board approved.**

Secretary, Jan Schneck – No report

Past President, Sharon Addison – Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Computer Education Committee

- Mugge advised that scheduling for January has been set up with Larissa.
- He plans to teach a course on investment tracking in Excel on January 19.
- Other dates and times of January schedule have already been set up on the website.
- People have mentioned to Mugge that they liked the course he had last year on How Your Computer Works. He has notes and some pictures from that. He will talk to Lou Miller about whether those should or could go on the website.
- He worked on all of the dual-boot Vista and XP laptops. All are in good shape and all are updated. He has checked the batteries in all of the laptops and all are good.
- Peterson said that he has put Windows 7 on 2 of the laptops and has another about half done. That leaves 3 to be done. When these are all done, we will do a Windows 7 orientation class.

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- Ken Ray mentioned that we need an update regarding members' interests; maybe a poll through the Newsletter. That will tell us what they want to learn and might give us some instructors.
- Ray also thinks it would be good if people taking a class have their own flash drive so they can take home the documents they work on here and continue to work on them . It was suggested that the Club might buy a number of flash drives and sell them to those attending classes.
- Foster suggested that Muggle get a recommitment from his committee members to work out some of the issues. Muggle plans to do that.

First Level Support Committee

- Solymossy said he averages about 8-10 calls a month; most of the people seem to be using XP.
- He's trying to confirm who is working with FLS.
- He mentioned that Kahite seems to be unaware of the benefits of this Club. He suggested we get on one of their quarterly meetings to talk about the Club. He will get the name of the coordinator of their meetings so Bob Foster can contact him.

Special Interest Groups Committee

- Stieghan said that he couldn't make the meeting because he's had a dislocated hip and couldn't park within a reasonable distance of the Yacht Club.
- Peterson said that 10-20 members of the Photography SIG are still active. It meets this Thursday. The Apple group meets the end of the month and has about 15-20 members.

Technology Access Program Committee

- Alline reported that there have been a total of 375 systems given away affecting 641 children as of today.
- Donations of computers are still going strong. Our access to Loudon County Recycling is not as good as it used to be. They used to sort computers, cell phones and other electronic in areas that we could just go through and take what we needed and someone would go over there a couple of times a week. Now it's all in bins and not easy to go through. Alline will go over there himself to see what the situation is. As far as he knows, they still have County Commission approval to do it, but getting to it is tougher.
- Schmeling said he has been trying for 3 months to get something done about the speed of the cable service at the TAP facility and about getting the best possible rate for tax-exempt organizations. Apparently they can get maximum speed for \$30 per month, but how to get it turned on? He said his next step is going to be a call to Charter headquarters.

Communications Committee

- Dean Miller had nothing to report and Lou Miller will be discussing the new website later in this meeting.

Membership Committee

- Kutschera's written report says that there were 68 members and 3 guests at the General Meeting.
- There were 18 new memberships with 32 renewal memberships for a total of 79 members, including 29 additional members. There are currently 170 paid 2010 memberships and 102 additional members for a total of 272 members. \$765 was delivered to the Treasurer. One member paid twice; he will be contacted.
- The Oak Ridge National Labs tour has been scheduled for March 16. We have had a couple of cancellations, so Bob will be accepting others until February 1, at which point he will have to submit the official list for ORNL clearance.
- He attached a report of members who indicated an interest in various functions of the Club.
- Kutschera states that Jim Autry has been familiarized with the functions of the Membership chair and has received the tools and spreadsheets necessary to continue the processes. In addition, he has received the key to the PO Box. We will work together during the year and will cover for each other when required. The Membership Committee has a wonderful group and Bob is confident that the service the Club has received from the Committee will continue if not improve.
- Ken Ray suggested a reminder go in the Newsletter advising that the 2009 membership expires on March 1.

OLD BUSINESS

Programs

- Foster reported that two BB&T representatives will present at the February meeting.
- We need a program for March. Ken Ray commented that Mike Broyles, a Tellico Village resident, offered to present a program on photography. Foster will be gone from February 19 through March 10, so Peterson offered to contact Mike Broyles.

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- Foster said that Bob Whitten of Oak Ridge will make a presentation in April. The *Smart Computing* people are willing to make a presentation sometime after June.

Laptops for Equador

- Foster discussed last month the possible donation of laptops to a school in Equador. He and his wife could take them to Florida and give them to the guy there. They would like 3-5 systems. Alline said he will talk to Warren Sanders about it and then the Board can decide whether to do it.

APCUG

- Foster wanted to know if APCUG was up to date and who should get the Newsletter. Schmeling said he sent the dues in so that's current. Foster will contact them, but asked Schneck to provide him with their address.

Fundraising

- Foster wanted to know what happened to the fund raising group. Schmeling said the last he heard of them was last August when they raised \$1,600-\$1,800. He has heard nothing since.

NEW BUSINESS

Communications

- Schmeling said that Channel 3 needs information 17 days before the meeting. This allows 5-7 days for cuing and 10 days for running the notice.
- Foster said the free *Connection* that goes to everyone publishes on the last Wednesday of the month. They need the information no later than the Monday of the week before the week of issue.
- For the website, Lou Miller can put information on the site with little or no time lag.
- Patty Robichaud is still the contact for the *Tell-E-Gram* which is published every Tuesday and Friday. Patty needs the info 3 days ahead of time.
- Frank Fritchman always gives us adequate notice of his deadline for the Newsletter.
- Foster said we need to meet all of these minimum time frames. If we don't yet have an agenda, notice of the date and time of the General Meeting must be posted anyway.
- Regarding the Google Group, Dean Miller requested that site be used only for the posting of Club business. He also suggested your response, if any, to the originator of the message be accomplished either by (1) clicking on Forward and then selecting the sender's address or (2) clicking at the bottom on Originator. Do not use Reply because the reply goes to everyone in the group and is somewhat annoying.
- Solymossy recommended that only the Board and Chairs be included in the Google Group. He also wondered if you want a reply, why would you use the Group? Further, you should really only use the Google Group site if you want to address everybody on that list.
- Dean asked Schneck to remove from Communications on the 2010 Admin List the names of Hill, Knouse, Mitola and Peterson.
- After Lou Miller demonstrated several of the features of the new website, **Steve Popovich motioned to start using the new website as soon as Lou Miller can get it up and running. Jim Peterson seconded. Board approved.**

Other

- After talking of his experience with the scanner and accompanying laptop, Steve Popovich thinks additional memory would speed it up. He said 1 GB would cost \$44.99. **After some discussion, Steve Popovich motioned we purchase the maximum memory the scanner laptop can handle. Ken Ray seconded. Board approved.**

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:00 P.M.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2010 @ 7:00 PM AT THE YACHT CLUB

NEXT BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2010 @ 3:00 PM AT THE CHOTA REC CENTER

Janice Schneck, Secretary

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