

Tellico Village Computer Users Club

February 9, 2010 Board Meeting

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

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

Board Members Absent: Sharon Addison

Also in attendance: Vince Alline, Jim Autry, Frank Fritchman, Bob Mugge and Bob Kutschera

Bob Foster verbally corrected the spelling of Bob Whitten's name in the 2/2/10 minutes. Schneck agreed to make that change. **Peter McDermott motioned to approve the February 2, 2010 General Meeting minutes as revised and to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of January 12, 2010. Ken Ray seconded. The Board approved.**

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President, Pete McDermott – No report

Treasurer, Gary Corn

- Verified that in order to meet Tennessee full tax-exempt status, sales must not exceed \$4,800 gross per year.
- **Jim Peterson motioned to approve Corn's written Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2010. Ken Ray seconded. The Board approved.**

Secretary, Jan Schneck – No report

Past President, Sharon Addison – Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Computer Education Committee

- Mugge stated that planned classes are on the Club's website. He had hoped for more responses than he got. Foster commented that he had reminded all at the General Meeting about the schedule.
- Foster recommended classes for the Board and Committee Chairmen to be conducted by Lou Miller as to how to input information on the new website. Lou Miller's responsibility is as administrator only. This is for anyone in Club administration who has authority to make changes on the website. All you need is your password to do so. Foster will have Miller set up an instruction class and get a memo out to the group. Miller is to call Mugge for available dates.

Special Interest Groups Committee

- Don Stieghan has resigned as Chairman of this committee.
- Foster said the Mac Users announcements will indicate TVCUC MACUSERS SIG.

Technology Access Program Committee

- Alline stated that we have now given away 395 systems to benefit 666 children.
- They have just started with their fourth senior intern this year from Loudon High School. They have had 6 interns in total.
- We got a shipment of PCs from the Boys and Girls Club to refurbish.
- Kutschera said he wants to try to network with Bob Whitten to possibly get donations of used equipment from ORNL or any other connections may have. He's planning to take Bob Whitten to dinner with him and Warren Sanders to talk about these things.

Membership Committee

- Gary Corn's written report acknowledges 66 members and 6 guests attended the General Meeting on February 2. There were 13 new memberships and 28 renewals. These 41 memberships include 25 additional members. TVCUC now has 212 paid memberships for 2010 and 127 additional members for a total of 339 members. \$615 was delivered to the Treasurer.
- Autry offered to list members' stated interests and bring to the next Board meeting.
- Included with Corn's written report was a list of those indicating an interest in various Club functions.

First Level Support Committee

- Joe Solymossy's written report indicates the group averages 6-10 requests for help each month. There was a little flurry after Christmas, but now calls are back to normal.
- Solymossy issued this warning: The latest flurry is Malicious Ware that tells you your computer is infected, but for \$79.99 it can be fixed and the computer will be safe. Until you pay, the Malware will

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protect itself. No downloading, no restore, no editing to get your computer back. You can still do limited things, but once you pay it clears up, but now you are a “sucker” and they have one of your credit card numbers. FLST cannot fix this, but Jim Peterson has been able to fix it – usually for less than \$100. If you already have MalWarebytes on your computer, run it and it has been fixing it. However, MalWarebytes has to be loaded on your computer before the infection. Solymossy plans to write an article on this subject for the next Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Laptops for Ecuador

- Regarding 3-5 laptops for a school in Ecuador, Alline has discussed the matter with Warren Sanders who feels that TAP has more important things to do. We are a community outreach organization, but it is generally felt that Ecuador is stretching the “community” aspect. Foster will advise the Ecuador people.

Oak Ridge National Labs Tour

- Kutschera has sent 41 names to ORNL for the March 16 tour. They will leave the Cooper Visitor Center at noon to get to ORNL by 1:00. There will be another tour in September. That will be for members only.

Scanner

- Alline has set up a laptop with 2 GB to go with the scanner, so the one that currently accompanies the scanner can be put back into the inventory of class laptops. **Steve Popovich motioned to donate the scanner laptop's original memory sticks (256 MG each) to TAP. Jim Peterson seconded. The Board approved.**
- Jim Autry asked if we need more training on the scanner now that we're using a different laptop. Foster says there will be no change in the operation and each user is trained before he takes the equipment home.
- Foster said that Ken Wood is in charge of the Scanner Program, but Fred Gibson is taking care of the process while Wood is out of town.

NEW BUSINESS

Programs

- Foster advised that, for the March program, he got Stan Gibert, POA Public Relations, to present along with Kevin Alfont, also of the POA. They will discuss the POA website, electronic interaction, etc. Foster will not be here during the month of March, so McDermott will fill in for him.
- Future programs suggested by Foster are *Scanner Show & Tell*, *Transferring Cassettes to DVD*, and *Transferring 8 MM Film to DVD*.

Channel 3

- Foster commented that Channel 3 used to have streaming audio but it is no longer available. They have a website with free music, but need a Windows ME machine to get it. He asked if TAP could provide a tower and a keyboard for Channel 3. **Ken Ray motioned to give a tower and keyboard to Channel 3. Steve Popovich seconded. The Board approved.**

Guidestar.org

- Alline explained that www.guidestar.org is a website that mines data for tax-free entities. We appear on the website, but with Bob Wilson as the contact – obviously very outdated information. Alline wonders if we should update the information on the website. It is possible that the site can get grants for worthy organizations or can be of some other long-term benefit to the Club. Bob Mugge suggested Board members look up guidestar.org, see what it is that they do, then next month the Board can decide what we should do. The Board agreed to this.

Membership Input

- Ken Ray suggested we need to members' special requests in order to plan appropriate programs and classes. He offered to design 2 forms that will allow members to easily fill out their requests.

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:55 P.M.

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

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

Janice Schneck, Secretary

March 5, 2010