

# Tellico Village Computer Users Club

## March 9, 2010 Board Meeting

**3:00 PM Meeting called to order by Dennis Malcolm**

**Board Members Present:** Gary Corn, Jan Schneck, Dennis Malcolm, Steve Popovich and Ken Ray

**Board Members Absent:** Bob Foster, Peter McDermott, Jim Peterson, Sharon Addison

**Also in attendance:** Vince Alline, Jim Autry, Frank Fritchman, Dean Miller, Bob Mugge, Joe Solymossy and Lou Miller

**Steve Popovich motioned to approve the February 9, 2010 General Meeting minutes and the minutes of the Board Meeting of March 2, 2010. Ken Ray seconded. The Board approved.**

### OFFICER REPORTS

**President, Bob Foster – Absent**

**Vice President, Pete McDermott - Absent**

**Treasurer, Gary Corn**

- Presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ended February 28, 2010.
- Commented that TAP consumable supplies were well above budget and that electricity for the TAP facility also was above budget. Warmer weather should help.
- Further stated that equipment sales so far this year, at \$2,430, are already at 1/2 of the tax-exempt allotment for the year.
- Mentioned that Dell sent a letter offering to extend the warranty on the laptops, but Mugge said all of the laptops are working fine and batteries are holding up well. He doesn't see the need for an extended warranty.
- Malcolm commented that Staples corporate people told Warren Sanders their cartridge Rewards are not transferrable after he told them what we do and how we wanted to use the Rewards.
- **Steve Popovich motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ken Ray seconded. The Board approved.**

**Secretary, Jan Schneck – No report**

**Past President, Sharon Addison – Absent**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership Committee**

- Jim Autry's written report acknowledges 55 members and 3 guests attended the General Meeting on March 2. There were 10 new memberships and 38 renewals. These 38 memberships include 16 additional members. TVCUC now has 259 paid memberships for 2010 and 142 additional members for a total of 401 members. \$715 in dues was delivered to the Treasurer. One member only paid \$10 for dues, but will send a \$5 check to resolve. One \$15 overpayment plus a separate \$20 cash donation has been designated for TAP.
- Autry included with his report the list of new members and their stated areas of interest.
- Alline commented that the website indicates that a membership may include 1 additional household member when, in fact, the Bylaws state that any number of householders may be included. Dean Miller agreed to have Lou Miller make the correction on the website.
- Autry commented that the reminders letters were successful.

**Technology Access Program Committee**

- Vince Alline stated that we have now given away 411 systems to benefit 692 children.
- They have applied for additional United Way funding and will meet with that group next week.

**First Level Support Committee**

- Joe Solymossy said he has still been getting 8-10 calls/month.

**Computer Education Committee**

- Bob Mugge stated that he has a total of 28 students (21 different names) in his three courses for this month. He's charging \$5 for that 3-session class.
- How Your Computer Works is a single class for which he is not charging.
- Excel Investment Tracking also is a single session and he is not charging for that one either.

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- He only had one customer show up at the Open House this morning.
- He's not getting much input regarding what kind of classes to teach and he's finding that everybody in the classes have different operating systems, but he's making it work.
- Ken Ray said he has tried to figure out how to put a PDF form/questionnaire on the website, but hasn't had much luck with that. He wanted one form for suggestions of Programs. The other would be to survey for the kind of classes we might have. Dean Miller said he will check with Lou Miller on that.
- Muggle mentioned that the internet in the Chota Rec Center was down for about a week, but is now working again.

### **Communications Committee**

- Dean Miller said he will check with Bob Foster and Bob Kutschera on the April ORNL presentation. If he knows who is speaking and how to contact the speaker, he might be able to expand on the content of the various presentations in notices.
- Frank Fritchman said that he could use material of interest for the Newsletter.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Education Survey**

- Ken Ray will continue to research this issue.

#### **Guidestar.com**

- Dean Miller determined that this is a group that amasses a database of non-profit organizations to publicize to the general public for potential funding. Bob Wilson signed us up in 2002. Dean changed the mailing name, address, etc. The question now is – how do we set it up? Do we show it as a computer users club or should we emphasize the TAP program? Most organizations on the site are very large, like Habitat, Child Advocacy Center, etc. The site asks for financial statements, purpose, mission, officers, all kinds of information, very time-consuming input.
- The Board agreed to discuss Guidestar further at our next meeting and decide whether we want our information on there and how much time we want to spend on it. Meanwhile we should look for other computer user groups on the site to see how much information they are including.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Emergency Flash Drive**

- Steve Popovich commented that people could put their medical information, doctors and other contacts, wills, etc. on a flash drive to have for emergencies. The downside is if you lose the flash drive, someone might glean your private information from it.

#### **Member Applications**

- Jim Autry asked what happens to the applications he gets with interests included. Malcolm responded that Autry should compile a list of members who indicated specific interest areas and send the list to the chairmen of each interest group.

#### **Website**

- Lou Miller commented that it's easy to add to and make changes on the website. We will have a learning session for Board members and Committee Chairmen on March 17.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 4:00 P.M.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING APRIL 6, 2010 @ 7:00 PM AT THE YACHT CLUB**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING APRIL 13, 2010 @ 3:00 PM AT THE CHOTA REC CENTER**

Janice Schneck, Secretary

March 23, 2010