

Tellico Village Computer Users Club

May 11, 2010 Board Meeting

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

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

Board Members Absent: Dennis Malcolm and Sharon Addison

Also in attendance: Bob Kutschera, Dean Miller, Bob Mugge, Vince Alline, Ken Wood and Amy Dunajewski

Schneck advised the Board of changes made to the April 13 minutes at the request of Dean Miller: The Board Meeting was March 9 and the General Meeting was April 6. These were previously reversed. **Jim Peterson motioned to approve the April 13, 2010 Board Meeting minutes as amended and the minutes of the General Meeting of May 4, 2010. Steve Popovich seconded. The Board approved.**

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Bob Foster

- Read a letter from Lou Miller which states that the Club should look for a new Webmaster as he plans to resign as Webmaster no later than the end of this year. This news evoked a disappointed reaction from all in attendance as all have been well pleased with Lou's results.

Vice President, Pete McDermott – No report

Treasurer, Gary Corn

- Presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ended April 30, 2010.
- Mr. Corn advised that DSL in the TAP facility has been upgraded to a faster connection via AT&T.
- He said further that membership dues are at this point 40% above budget and expenses are running about 44% below budget. In total, the Club is ahead of budget by almost \$1,500. On the TAP side, equipment sales are well above budget with \$3,555 generated to date. For tax purposes, of course, there must be a \$4,800 cap on that.
- The Club's total cash balance is \$24,012 of which \$9,982 represents the full allowance for TAP fixed expenses through June 30, 2011(14 months), so roughly \$14,000 is available for other purposes with that amount approximately split between TAP and general operations.
- Foster commented that he has given Corn \$155 proceeds from last week's raffle and \$25 for his own use of the scanner.
- Corn will check the TAP facility lease to see what kind of notice is required to renew the lease and whether the cost changes.
- **Jan Schneck motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Peter McDermott seconded. The Board approved.**

Secretary, Jan Schneck – No report

Past President, Sharon Addison – Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee

- Bob Kutschera, sitting in for Jim Autry, read Autry's Membership Report. There were 83 members and 9 guests at the April General Meeting.
- During March, there were 5 new memberships and 8 renewal memberships for a total of 13 paid memberships which included 5 additional household members. \$195 was turned over to the Treasurer. Two paid memberships were duplicates. One designated excess to TAP and one designated application to 2011 membership.
- Currently there are 310 paid 2010 memberships and 163 additional members for a total of 473 total members.
- The official list of 2010 memberships through May 3, were e-mailed to all Board members.

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- Kutschera said that the September 14 outing to Oak Ridge is nearly full. He asked those present if there might be any interest in touring the neutron splitter/atom smasher facility. With numerous years, he agreed to explore that possibility with the Oak Ridge contacts.

Communications Committee

- Dean Miller had no comments today.

Technology Access Program Committee

- Vince Alline stated that we have now given away 469 systems to benefit 805 children.
- Alline advised that Dale Noll met with the head of the Geek Squad at Best Buy who controls about \$175,000 of the Best Buy Foundation funds which is reserved for youth programs. TAP plans to pursue him further to see if there may be funds available for the TAP program.
- Schneck commented that, at the General Meeting there was not mention of Warren Sanders' proposal to loan available TAP laptops to members who will be away from home. Foster apologized for this oversight and will announce the program at the June General Meeting. All of the information regarding the program is on the form to be completed and signed by borrowers.

Computer Education Committee

- Bob Mugge said he has available times for June. He'll put the times on the website. He would like some Open Houses the rest of this month and at least part of next month, but he would like some help. We need at least 2-hour segments for Open Houses.
- Foster mentioned that many people want more training on Social Media. Stephanie Beane said she will teach a 4-session course for \$20 per person.
- Mugge agreed to see what times would be good for her. He is concerned about the issues brought forth in Alline's e-mail regarding Facebook issues before the Federal Trade Commission. Ken Ray felt that Ms. Beane should discuss all of the privacy issues with any class she teaches. After getting time frames from Ms. Beane, Mugge will contact the membership to find who or how many are interested. When signing up for the course, members would need to sign a disclaimer.

First Level Support Committee

- Popovich said there were just a few calls last month.

Program Committee

- Foster commented that we still have no Program Chairman and no program slated for June.
- Several suggestions were made. Alline: the guy from E-Tech; Kutschera: Bob Hilborn on photos; Mugge: First Level Support issues; Kutschera: Question and answer session.
- After some discussion it was agreed that for June 1, a Q & A session would be appropriate with a panel to discuss members' computer problems. The panel will consist of volunteers Steve Popovich, Ken Ray, Bob Mugge and Jim Peterson as well as Joe Solymossy if he is available.
- McDermott asked about future programs. Miller suggested *Smart Computing*, but Foster says they are not available and that they have discontinued the free subscriptions. Peterson said he will check with the Best Buy guy on Mac for July.
- Additional suggestions for future programs were iPods and eBooks.

NEW BUSINESS

Slide Scanner Program

- Ken Wood reported that we now have for use by Club members a Pacific Image PowerSlide 3650. This machine was provided by the company last December to replace the defective PowerSlide 3600 which was still under warranty. We have the Club's Dell Inspiron 5150 laptop to process the images using installed software.
- All 77 Club members who signed up have been contacted. 60 members have paid a total of \$1,500 and have used the scanner over a total of 433 days. 7 members have requested use at a later date.
- Current members will have scanner availability on a first-come, first-served basis. An on-line calendar has been maintained for the program and weeks have been reserved in the future. Access will be available on the Club's website. Members may sign up by e-mail or by phone by requesting any week that is shown as open on the calendar for a one-time fee of \$25. Training sessions are offered on

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Mondays at Chota Rec Center, Room D, as needed. Equipment may be reserved for a week and may be extended if the following week is not reserved by the end of the current week.

- Foster asked if Wood would be available June 1 for a show and tell along with the Q & A session. If he is available, Foster will include that on the blurb about next month's meeting. Notice of scanner availability might also be put on the website under SIGs with a link to the page.

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:00 P.M.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING JUNE 1, 2010 @ 7:00 PM AT THE YACHT CLUB

NEXT BOARD MEETING JUNE 8, 2010 @ 3:00 PM AT THE CHOTA REC CENTER

Janice Schneck, Secretary

May 18, 2010