

Tellico Village Computer Users Club

June 9, 2009 Board Meeting

3:10 PM Meeting called to order by Sharon Addison

Board Members Present: Sharon Addison, Dick Schmeling, Jan Schneck, Vince Alline, Bob Foster, Dean Miller and Jim Peterson

Board Members Absent: Dennis Malcolm

Also in attendance: Bob Kutschera, Bob Mugge, Warren Sanders, Ken Wood and Dale Noll

Jim Peterson motioned to amend the minutes of the May 12, 2009 minutes to indicate that the motion to approve the Treasurer's April Report was made by Dean Miller, not Bob Mugge. Bob Foster seconded. Board approved.

Vince Alline motioned to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2009 Board Meeting as amended; Jim Peterson seconded. Board approved. Jim Peterson motioned to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2009 General Meeting; Bob Foster seconded. Board approved.

- Addison made the following revisions in today's agenda: Discuss having no July General Meeting, finding a new Webmaster, Having TAP as the Program in August.
- She also wants the Newsletter to go out in about a week with article about the new TAP location and the new committee members.
- Bob Mugge suggested that on July 7, we might have an evening Open House in Room D at the Rec Center. He will talk to Larissa about reserving the room.
- **Jim Peterson motioned to cancel the July General Meeting. Dick Schmeling seconded. Board approved.**

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Sharon Addison

- Chris Garner, POA Board Member, asked is there is anything CUC is doing to support "Aging in Place," i.e. what's available for homebound people to keep them connected. Addison said there are 3 things she could think of offhand: putting current information of the website www.tvcuc.org, our drop-in Open House workshops and our First Level Support Team.
- Kutschera explained a program he heard about called Presto. For a subscription of \$150 per year, a non-tech person can have a Presto (HP) printer in his/her home that prints letters, cards, etc. and even pictures for the recipient. The sender simply sends e-mails/pictures to Presto. Presto then transforms and sends the message to be automatically printed on the Presto printer. The recipient needs only to pick up the messages as they arrive. There is no computer involved on the recipient's end. The printer costs about \$75, but is currently offered at a 50% discount on the Presto website, www.presto.com.

Vice President – Position vacant

Secretary, Jan Schneck – No report

Treasurer, Dick Schmeling

- Distributed the Treasurer's Report for the month of May. The Club received \$165 in membership dues, a \$15 gift and \$0.68 of bank interest. There were expenses of \$50 for the Club's monthly donation to TAP. These revenues and expenses resulted in \$130.68 net cash inflow. The Pass-Through Account took in \$694 and paid out \$703.70 for supplies, for a net outflow of \$9.70 during the month. Since the TAP Program began, the Pass-Through Account has received a total of \$26,486.38 and used a total of \$13,568.13, leaving a balance of \$12,918.25 in that account of which \$9,094 is set reserved for remaining lease/rent and utilities. This leaves TAP with \$3,824.25 available for other operating expenses. The Treasury's bank balance at the end of May was \$17,036.74 of which \$12,918.25 is designated for the Pass-Through Account, leaving \$4,118.49 available for Operations.
- **Jan Schneck motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; Jim Peterson seconded. Board approved.**

Past President, Jim Peterson – No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee

- Kutschera's reported that the June General Meeting had 47 attendees plus 6 guests. We signed up 6 renewals and 3 new memberships, including 4 spouses, for a total of 14 members. \$135 was submitted to the Treasurer with required documentation.
- Kutschera said the bounce-back situation has been tabled to allow for more investigation.
- Kutschera asked the Nominating Committee to make an effort to find a replacement for the Membership Committee Chair for 2010. Though he will continue to be part of the committee, after a number of years as Chairman, he feels it is time for him to make room for other volunteer opportunities and personal time. Things are running pretty smoothly now.
- Addison suggested considering another way to troubleshoot the bounce backs. She will review the matter with the Webmaster, Communications and Kutschera and would like to do that within the next week or two.

Program Committee

- Addison said that Bob Foster has been looking for someone to chair this committee; Monta Herzel, who indicated interest, goes to Florida from December through April each year. Foster said what we need is a committee, not just a single person. That would take care of the months she is gone and drumming up programs needs to be done by more than 1 person in any case. Addison would like to meet with her next week, so Foster said he will try to arrange it and will also meet with them.

Technology Access Program Committee

- Vince Alline said he spoke with Donna Akey's attorney today. He expects to get the lease for review by e-mail within the next couple of days.
- Sanders said we expect a one-month security deposit will be required. Akey said that once the lease is signed and we have proof of insurance, we can get in early.
- Schmeling agreed to get bids on insurance for a period to begin 6/15/09, since we'll start moving in early.
- **Jim Peterson motioned to attain insurance to cover 6/15/09 through 6/30/10; Schneck seconded. Board approved.**
- Alline said that we are currently \$77 over budget for gifts at this time, but he believes we have enough gifts to last the rest of the year, so he expects to come in about \$273 under budget. He would like to propose a special door prize, like a 22" flat-screen monitor; something that will draw the crowds in. Following some discussion, **Jim Peterson motioned for the Club to have a special door prize, such as a 22" flat-screen monitor or a Net Book, at a cost of up to \$250, for a TAP Open House proposed for September 1, 2009; Schneck seconded. Board approved.**
- Sanders suggested we name the TAP area and obtain a plaque to be displayed inside. Although not voted on, it was generally agreed that would be appropriate.
- Alline mentioned that a fund-raising committee meeting was held just before this one. Sanders said that they're planning to have a series of Open Houses following the September 1 event. Some of these will be by invitation – people that have donated in the past.
- The fund-raising committee, which is not an official committee, is comprised of Rose Keilhacker, John Jacobs, Vince Alline, Bob Foster, Joyce Knouse, Dale Noll, Warren Sanders and Ken Wood. Schneck is to obtain their e-mail addresses and phone numbers in case anyone needs them.
- Sanders told about a new relationship developed with East Tennessee Technology Access Center. TAP gave them 4 systems last week. They will give them to shut-ins that need to relate to the outside world. They deal with people who have special needs. The Executive Director has agreed to come out and make a presentation at one of our meetings.

First Level Support Committee

- Solymossy told Addison that he had 10 calls last month, mostly related to their wireless access being dropped.
- Solymossy also told her that he is not getting all the e-mails that he should, so she gave the Board his current e-mail address to check out their records.

Computer Education Committee

- Muggge started the June Open Houses last week; he had 4 techs available and only 2 guests. He still has 3 to go this month. He'll see how it goes. He's going to check with his committee to see if they have anything more to offer for July.

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- Schmeling mentioned that word of our Club activities must get out as soon and in as many ways as possible. This information should always be in the Tell-E-Gram, Connection, Newsletter, and Channel 3. Addison said she will get together with Dean Miller and Monta Herzel to nail these issues down and get them published.

Special Interest Groups Committee

- Addison was told by Stieghan that he is prepared to offer new SIGs, but has had no requests. He is puzzled by the lack of interest.
- Addison mentioned that the Mac Group wanted to use our projector and they were told that they needed to become members of our Club, and then they could develop a SIG and use the projector in that capacity. Addison said she will contact Jan Miller to discuss the matter.
- Foster priced projector bulbs on the internet and the lowest price he found was \$214 + shipping, so they've come down a lot. Supposedly the bulb we have has a 3,000 hour life, but he doesn't even know how old it is. It was generally agreed that it hasn't been used much.

Communications Committee

- Regarding the Webmaster, Addison said that Lou Miller came over and went through the website. She and Victor gave him the codes and he understood what needed to be done.
- Foster said he got some ideas from Miller by e-mail, but these did not go to Addison. He did tell her, though, that he is willing to redesign the site but wants \$25 per month to do so. Addison told him that would have to go to the Board. To use the website properly it must be updated promptly and regularly. Our service is already paid for the year, so they should continue for that period. Addison said that Victor is not able to take on the challenge of changing the site. She thinks that Lou will agree to take over the maintenance as the site is now, but longer term we need redesign, more ideas.
- Foster said he will contact Lou to find out if he will maintain without compensation for 3-6 months.

Scanner

- Ken Wood said he has met with Howard Jones. He took all the records and audited with all the information he had. Wood will take over the project. He has a complete assignment list. 31 people have used it already. The scanner schedule is in the order that the people signed up; 42 people have paid. He plans to poll the previous users to try to get them to help to orient new users. He plans to schedule out 3-4 weeks at a time. He commented that the fan on the laptop is a little noisy, he is monitoring that.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:15 P.M.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – CANCELLED FOR JULY

NEXT BOARD MEETING JULY 14, 2009 @ 3:00 P.M. AT CHOTA REC CENTER

Janice Schneck, Secretary

July 15, 2009