

# Tellico Village Computer Users Club

## July 14, 2009 Board Meeting

**3:10 PM Meeting called to order by Sharon Addison**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Vince Alline, Dennis Malcolm

**Also in attendance:** Monta Hirzel, Warren Sanders, Joe Solymossy and Lou Miller

**Dean Miller motioned to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2009 Board Meeting as amended. Dick Schmeling seconded. Board approved.**

### OFFICER REPORTS

#### President, Sharon Addison

- Commented that she was pleased with the article in the Knoxville News Sentinel, Sunday, July 5 Edition. The article resulted from a letter Warren Sanders had written. She wondered if we should have a new write up about what we are, what we do. This could be on the website. She got 4-5 phone calls from people who did not come to the meeting last month; they had questions about how to donate to TAP, who to contact on digital photography, other SIGs, FLS, etc.
- Sanders said he got 5 calls for free computers. He told them that they have to be referred to TAP by some agency. Two were on public assistance so he recommended they have their caseworker refer them to TAP. He also got a lot of calls wanting to donate equipment.
- Addison would like something added to the website that includes the fact that recipients of systems must be referred by an agency, where to take donated equipment, etc. Sanders said that 2 of the fund raisers are meeting today to try to put together a brochure.
- Addison will try to get the meeting agenda out to the board earlier, sometime in the week prior to the meeting, maybe on Friday.
- We also need to look at nominations for next year. Sanders commented that we need 2 people from the Club to work with the Past President and that Committee should be formed by the August meeting. We have 2 Board Members and all four officers coming up for election.

#### Vice President – Position vacant

- Addison thanked Sanders and Schmeling for the help they've given her in the absence of a V. P.

#### Secretary, Jan Schneck – No report

#### Treasurer, Dick Schmeling

- Distributed the Treasurer's Report for the month of June. The Club received \$135 in membership dues, an \$80 gift and \$0.76 of bank interest. There were expenses of \$120.18 for equipment purchase and repair and \$50 for the Club's monthly donation to TAP. These revenues and expenses resulted in \$45.58 net cash inflow. The Pass-Through Account took in \$685 and paid out \$1,915.60 for supplies, for a net outflow of \$1,230.60 during the month. Since the TAP Program began, the Pass-Through Account has received a total of \$27,371.38 and used a total of \$15,683.73, leaving a balance of \$11,687.65 in that account of which \$8,556 is reserved for remaining lease/rent and utilities. This leaves TAP with \$3,131.65 available for other operating expenses. The Treasury's bank balance at the end of June was \$15,851.72 of which \$11,687.65 is designated for the Pass-Through Account, leaving \$4,118.49 available for Operations.
- Schmeling commented that the membership is about 25 people behind the budgeted number.
- He further stated that the insurance policy covering the area under Catino's is in the mail, though he has not yet received it.
- **Jim Peterson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; Dean Miller seconded. Board approved.**

#### Past President, Jim Peterson – No report

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Membership Committee

- Kutschera's written report stated that the July meeting had 20 attendees plus 5 guests. There were 7 memberships (3 renewals and 4 new). A total of \$105 was submitted to the Treasurer with required documentation. Three new memberships resulted from the advertised open house meeting on July 7.

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- Kutschera said the bounce-back situation has been resolved. He had 5 bounce backs from the July Newsletter and they were all resolved as well.
- Addison mentioned that we need a standard thank you message for those who make contributions to the Club or TAP that indicates their donation. Schmeling agreed to look at the IRS requirements and prepare something to recommend to the Board. The Secretary will send out whatever is determined appropriate.

### **Program Committee**

- Addison said Monta Hirzel has agreed to help put together programs.
- **Dick Schmeling nominated Monta Hirzel as Chairperson of the Program Committee. Bob Foster seconded. Board approved.**
- Hirzel said that she just got home from vacation on Friday. She talked to someone at E-Tech about presenting a program and she has agreed to do so in October. Hirzel is not quite sure what the topic will be.

### **Technology Access Program Committee**

- Sanders advised that TAP has moved into their new quarters under Catino's; they have DSL now and have begun working on computers again. They are still organizing a bit, but he thinks the space is going to work well.
- They plan to have an Open House in the new work space in lieu of the regular September General Meeting.
- TAP's second anniversary was June 12. They have given away 256 systems, impacting 490 children in the homes. 79 of the systems given away are Community Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher (CMAR). While this poses some restrictions on who can get the free systems, there are substantial benefits and cost savings with CMAR.
- Planning afternoon Open Houses on the weekend of September 19/20, for TAP donors. Would like to have these taped. Foster suggested getting Channel 3 to tape an Open House to run on Channel 3.

### **First Level Support Committee**

- Solymossy says he's getting 10-12 calls a month.
- He believes he has 2 people interested in signing on as Committee members.
- Some discussion covered how to handle donations from recipients of service by the FLS team. Several ideas were offered; no decisions were made. Any donations that come in designated for TAP, though, are specifically allocated to TAP.

### **Computer Education Committee**

- In Bob Mugge's absence, Addison commented that she got really positive feedback regarding the July "meeting" at the Yacht Club.
- Peterson and Sanders both said that they get a lot of good feedback following all of the Open Houses, but the last couple got very little response. This may be because it's summer and may pick up in September. Foster reiterated that we have to give plenty of notice when there will be an Open House.

### **Special Interest Groups Committee**

- In Don Stieghan's absence, Peterson said that Digital Photography has suspended meetings until September because attendance was greatly reduced when summer came.

### **Scanner**

- Addison advised that Ken Wood has made great progress with the scanner project. He has a good set of instructions. He also has a feedback form for users to tell how many scans they made, what kind of experience they had, did anything go wrong, etc.

### **Communications Committee**

- Dean Miller asked about Lou Miller and the website changes. Addison said she has approved the payment of \$25 per month for the 3 months (July, August, September). The issue will have to be revisited at the end of that time. Lou is now the new Webmaster. Some research will have to be done regarding what papers/forms have to be filed regarding "payroll."
- Miller discussed, to some extent, a list of suggested website changes that he provided for Board members prior to the meeting.
- Addison would like to see the computer-related Connection articles resumed, so encouraged anyone who is interested to think about reviving those articles.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Bounce Backs**

- Addison assured the Board that the Newsletter bounce back problem has been resolved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Honorary Members**

- Addison suggested that Kevin Alphont be somehow added to our mailing list. We need his support at times and he needs to receive regular information about the Club to remain aware of the work we do and how important it is to the community. She asked if he might be considered an honorary member. After considerable discussion, it was agreed by the Board that Alphont should simply be put on the Club's mailing list so that he will get the Newsletter.

#### **POA Awards**

- The POA asked for recommendation(s) for the POAs annual service awards program.

#### **Google List**

- Addison would like to have a master administration list on Google so it could be more efficiently managed. Schneck agreed to learn – from Addison – how the list works and Dean Miller also indicated interest in learning how it works.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 5:05 P.M.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 4, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE YACHT CLUB**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING AUGUST 11, 2009 @ 3:00 P.M. AT THE CHOTA REC CENTER**

Janice Schneck, Secretary

July 17, 2009