

Tellico Village Computer Users Club

September 8, 2009 Board Meeting

3:00 PM Meeting called to order by Warren Sanders.

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

Also in attendance: Frank Fritchman, Bob Kutschera, Bob Mugge and Joe Solymossy

Dick Schmeling motioned to approve the minutes of the August 11 Board Meeting and the August 18, 2009 Special Board Meeting. Dennis Malcolm seconded. Board approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Sharon Addison – No report

Vice President – No report

Secretary, Jan Schneck – No report

Treasurer, Dick Schmeling

- Distributed the Treasurer's Report for the month of August. The Club received \$15 in membership dues, \$75 in scanner fees and \$0.68 of bank interest. There were expenses for Equipment Purchase/Repair of \$32 and \$50 for the Club's monthly donation to TAP as well as \$38.24 for Consumable Supplies. These revenues and expenses resulted in \$29.56 net cash outflow. The Pass-Through Account took in \$1,105 and paid out \$1,366.96 for supplies, for a net outflow of \$261.96 during the month. Since the TAP Program began, the Pass-Through Account has received a total of \$28,656.38 and used a total of \$18,164.79, leaving a balance of \$11,491.59 in that account of which \$7,130 is reserved for lease/rent and utilities through next June. This leaves TAP with \$4,361.59 available for other operating expenses. The Treasury's bank balance at the end of August was \$15,508.17 of which \$11,491.59 is designated for the Pass-Through Account, leaving \$4,016.58 is available for Operations.
- A detailed summary of Activity in the TAP Pass-Through Account also was distributed.
- Schmeling commented that the DSL service has been determined to be \$19.95 per month.
- **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 reported that, though there was no General Meeting in September, 89 members attended the TAP Workshop Grand Opening. Some new members joined prior to entering the TAP Workshop and all became eligible for the drawing, which was won by Sandy Mucha.
- He offered special thanks to Ethel, Ron, Amy and Bob for helping with the reception desk.
- There were 11 memberships (9 new and 2 renewals). A total of \$165 was submitted to the Treasurer with required documentation.
- We now have 220 members in 144 households. Dues paid starting October 1 will be applied to 2010.
- The few e-mails that bounced back from the last Newsletter have been resolved with the exception of 2.
- He learned that the Oak Ridge 3-hour tour will be limited to 40 people at a time. The first tour will be on Tuesday, November 3 at 1:00. He has sign-up sheets which will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis. Transportation will likely be car pools leaving from the Cooper Center at about 12:00 for the 45 minute or so trip. Oak Ridge will require each attendee's name and citizenship by October 1. An additional tour may be arranged for December 1. He has assumed the Tour will replace the November General Meeting.
- Bob has also requested a guest speaker from ORNL again next year.
- Sanders commented that, since there is no Program Committee at this time, notice of the tour(s) should be submitted to Dean Miller and Frank Fritchman right away and must have a deadline for responses. The notice should also state that there will be no November General Meeting. The second tour should also be mentioned and ask at sign up which date is preferred. Sanders also suggested a second tour, if responses require a waiting list, be set up for November 17 rather than December 1 because we have to meet in December for our election.

- Foster and Solymossy mentioned that the notice should be on Channel 3 and might double as a

membership drive.

Communications Committee

- Dean Miller said he put some stuff out but hasn't seen it yet. He sent stuff to Robichaud for the Tel-E-Gram announcing the Open Houses.
- Sanders said that the Administrative List does not have his name on it and he did not get his own meeting agenda.
- Miller asked that he be kept updated on events, when, where, etc.
- Sanders would like Robichaud to put in the Tel-E-Gram mention of the 500th TAP child recipient.

Program Committee

- Mugge said the FLS Team met a week ago. The outcome was that we need to get going on some meetings that address people's computer problems more. Maybe the best way to handle that is to develop a presentation regarding how people should set up their computers. That would be a good December meeting.
- Sanders said the November program will be the Oak Ridge Tour. The December program will be the Annual Meeting and the FLST program. There is nothing in the works yet for the January 5 meeting.

First Level Support Committee

- Joe Solymossy said that calls have slowed down to 3-4 calls a week. He has been passing them around to others in the group. Some calls even go directly to others on the team. In the last month or two, people have had problems trying to download certain things. What they're finding, when they try to help, is that the computer is overloaded with trash and it takes an hour or more to get rid of it enough to even see what the real problem is.
- If we can do a meeting in December covering what a computer should be like when it is set up (do you need a fire wall, what kind of anti-virus, etc.) Hopefully, FLST can look at computers in a more reasonable time. People need to know how to self-help, too, by going into a site for FAQs. We would like to make these things easier and more understandable for people.
- Solymossy would like to notify of the meeting along with a request that members come with a list of the name of their anti-virus, firewall, etc. Schneck suggested it's critical to have handouts for people to refer to later, also.
- Peterson said these things can be reinforced through workshops, too. Solymossy thought a workshop soon after the meeting would be a good idea for hands-on practice.

Special Interest Groups Committee

- Peterson said we still have Digital Photo and Genealogy SIGs going on.

Computer Education Committee

- Mugge advised that Karen Brown thinks she will be ready to run a class in October. He's hoping to have a class at least sometime in October. Perhaps he can set up Open House sessions specifically to parallel with Solymossy's FLS sessions.
- Peterson suggested we may have workshops, too, on the subject of transferring e-mail addresses from an old computer to a new one. Although it's simple to do, many people don't know how.

Technology Access Program Committee

- Sanders reported that the Open House had 89 people. He met with the 500th child today in Philadelphia.
- We will not sell anything except at the Garage Sale through the end of this year because of the sales tax situation.

OLD BUSINESS

Plaque

- Peterson has a picture of Bob Wilson to include on the plaque. He would like to present it to Bob at the December General Meeting. He ordered 2 plaques which should be coming to his home today.

Nominations

- Peterson stated that we have openings for positions of President, Vice President and one Director. President and Vice President are very hard to fill. Sanders would like all Board members to come up with ideas for Peterson.
- Schmeling commented that we really need somebody for Programs. It's a spot we badly need filled.
- Peterson suggested that since there will be no General Meeting in November, we might present to the membership the slate of nominees in the Newsletter. This will be a necessary topic for the next Board Meeting.

Sales Tax

- Schmeling distributed a summary of *Internal Revenue Service and Tennessee Sales and Use Tax*

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Compliance Guidelines. There are certain requirements regarding acknowledgement of donation receipts. Considerable discussion followed regarding the Club's equipment sales potential. Debate: Do we put emphasis on donations to raise money for TAP or do we register as a dealer and actually sell equipment. Bottom line: Any non-profit organization has restrictions on what they can sell and when. There is a lot of paperwork involved in any sales attempts.

- While no long-term decision was actually made, after a long discussion, it was decided that no equipment would be sold during the remainder of 2009. The subject was tabled until a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Recycling Event

- Addison announced that Lenoir City High School has a recycling event scheduled for this coming Saturday from 1 PM to 8 PM. It's called e-cycling as they will be taking computers, cell phones, etc.)

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED IN FAVOR OF OAK RIDGE TOUR

NEXT BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2009 @ 3:00 PM AT THE CHOTA REC CENTER

NEXT GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2009 @ 7:00 PM AT THE YACHT CLUB

Janice Schneck, Secretary

October 10, 2009