

**COMPUTER CLUB OF SUN CITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: THURS., NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

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Meeting called to order at 1 p.m. in Arizona Rooms 1 and 2 at the Fairway Recreation Center. This was an open meeting where Club members could meet and vote for prospective Board Members. With 60 members in attendance, the meeting met the requirement for a quorum, per RCSC BP12 and CCSC Rules and Regulations.

Informing the membership he became the Club's president in January of this year, **President Alan Ruda** introduced himself and then conducted a **Roll Call of Officers**, asking each officer and committee chairperson to introduce themselves. In addition to the President, **Board Members present were:** Vice President Gene Stashick, Treasurer Joe Janos and Secretary Nolli Hartwell

**Committee Chairpersons present were:** Dick Dudden (Education), Lori Daly (Monitors), Zenon Sokolowski (Public Relations), and Rose and Ed Damron (Nominating Committee).

**Nominated Members Present:** Zenon Sokolowski, Gene Stashick, Mike Wendel

**Absent:** Charley Housler, (Property), Bill Hill, (Membership)

The president then introduced **NOMINATING COMMITTEE Chairpersons Rose and Ed Damron**, who proceeded with **election** matters by asking for self-nominations from the floor. Club member **Joe Gislason** responded to the invitation by presenting a brief biography, including the fact he has lived in Sun City for twenty-five years and has been a monitor since he joined the Club in 2020. He has a background working in retail, enjoys working with people; and believes he would be a good addition to the Club's Board.

Ed commented on the fact there are five people running for the Board and "We want you to vote for only three." Names which appear on the ballot are as follows: Zenon Sokolowski, Gene Stashick, Mike Wendel, Charley Housler; and Joe Gislason.

In **Charley Housler's** absence, Ed shared Charley's bio, which includes an extensive IT background, including network and system administration. Charley has served the Computer Club in the Technical Services area since 2015; and has performed the Property Chairperson's duties since the passing of Bob Heath on April 8<sup>th</sup> of this year.

**Zenon** informed the membership he has been the Club's Public Relations Chairperson since 2016.

Vice President **Gene Stashick** let members know he has been with the Club since 2015, and has held both President and Vice President positions.

**Mike Wendel**, who stated he has had a career involving forty years in IT, joined the Club shortly after he moved to Sun City six years ago. He enjoys helping people and when he finds out what people really want to learn, he looks forward to teaching classes.

Following the foregoing presentations, Ed advised us to add **Joe Gislason's** name to the ballot.

There was a question from the membership asking "Who is going to do what job?" Ed explained the president and current board will make the decision as to who will be designated to fill specific positions. In answer to the question of who is leaving the board, it was explained that Bill Hill (Membership Chair) will soon be retiring.

Responding to a question from the membership, Ed Damron explained there are nine people on the Board. He advised we need to replace four of the nine, three of whom will serve three-year terms and as previously stated, the next highest (vote) will serve a one-year term. Additionally, Ed added, it is hoped the other person (on the ballot) will remain in the Club, because we're always needing more people."

In answer to further questions, President Alan Ruda explained "'Z's" time is up, Gene's time is up and Bill's retiring. Charley's time is up because he was appointed to Bob Heath's position."

At this point in the meeting, Ed requested that we mark our ballots. He also asked for someone to help count the ballots.

The meeting proceeded while ballots were being counted. Alan asked for a motion requesting **approval of Nov 16, 2022 minutes: Lori Daly made a motion to approve the minutes and Zenon Sokolowski seconded. Passed.**

**PRESIDENT Alan Ruda** asked how members enjoyed the **VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON** (which had taken place prior to this meeting). The question was met with enthusiastic applause and general agreement "the catering was great." (The caterer was Laurie's Family Foods.)

Alan again thanked all the volunteers who volunteer at the Club – all the Monitors, Aides, Instructors and Technicians, commenting "These are the people who keep the Club running." When asked what is the criteria for attendance at the Luncheon, he mentioned that sixteen hours' volunteer time qualifies volunteers for the Annual Luncheon. He stated his "soapbox" for the coming year is ***"If everybody does a little, nobody has to do a lot."***

**RE-STRUCTURING OF COMPUTER CLUB:** Alan further discussed the fact we're working on re-structuring the Club somewhat, by creating groups. Rather than having "just" a "PC Club," we're moving toward expanding the Club's scope. Noting we already

have a Linux group led by Neil Feinglass, he stated we're needing somebody with some Mac experience so we can add a Mac Group to our already-established PC Group. With our Club being "The Computer Club of Sun City," we're not saying we work only on PC's; therefore all such groups should easily come under the Club's scope. We want to actively engage in work on Windows, Mac OS, Androids, Tablets, iPads and Chromebooks.

**ATTENDANCE SYSTEM:** Alan advised us that our Attendance System has been replaced, explaining the old one tended to go down and we had nobody to work on it. The new system is being used in eight or ten clubs here in town and the person who maintains these systems is readily available if we need him. Additionally, we purchased a used Konica Minolta multi-function copier, so we no longer have the \$250 per month lease expenditure. Neither do we have to pay for copies if we go over a certain number of copies, nor are we paying a monthly bill; and in about six more months, "it has taken care of itself."

**WEBSITE HELP:** We are creating a new website and we're looking for someone with website expertise to help us with this project.

**ELECTION:** At this point in the meeting, Alan announced our election results were back. **Ed Damron** thanked everyone for being here and ensuring more than enough people are in attendance to meet the quorum. Charley, "Z" and Gene won the vote and will have three-year terms. Mike Wendel has a one-year term. Ed thanked Joe (Gislason) for being here and asked him to remain with the Club even though he did not win today, in view of the fact changes can occur along the way which may create unexpected openings.

Later, Ed announced he will keep ballots for four months.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**TREASURER, Joe Janos:** Joe stated the bulk of our money comes in from renewals in January and February; **and** we have a little account with **ELEMENT3 HEALTH** that's starting to pay some money; and "some people donate a few things to the Club." Our income is generally less than \$12,000. We don't spend it all each year and we have accumulated a balance of \$27K, \$20,000 of which is invested in CD's, so we can expect a little more money on interest. Question from floor – is RCSC in charge of that money - - and it was clarified that funds being discussed come entirely under the Club's jurisdiction. Dick Dudden noted among the uses of the Club's funds is the upgrading of our equipment.

**VICE PRESIDENT, Gene Stashick:** Gene mentioned we have some new classes, including **Beginning Investing** and **Advanced Investing**, as well as **VCarve** and a **One-On-One** session -- plus -- "**All Things Google.**" There was a question from the membership asking for an explanation of **VCarve**. Alan explained VCarve is a drawing

program for the Fairway Wood Club; adding we've installed the VCarve program on seven computers and we're using our computers and our classroom for the purpose of offering these classes. He added VCarve classes are being taught to woodworkers who are going to be using the CNC Mill. Alan also pointed out that anyone taking VCarve classes is required to join the Computer Club.

Alan further mentioned to the membership that anyone who has other ideas for classes is encouraged to let us know.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP, Bill Hill:** Alan read Bill's figures from the report he (Bill) gave at our last board meeting. The report states we have 563 members; and when checking today, Alan discovered we now have 596 members. More members are using the Club this year than last, in spite of lower membership numbers compared to last year.

**PROPERTY, Charley Housler:** In Charley's absence, Alan stated Charley maintains all our computers, keeps the server up and configures classrooms and computers in accordance with the Club's on-going current requirements.

**EDUCATION, Dick Dudden:** Dick thanked everyone for being here; and informed the membership we are now offering two-hour Learning Sessions like "All Things Google," the Investment sessions; and VCarve. He stated the purpose of the Club is to have educational programs available so that "you as members have some advantage in being members of the Club." Dick mentioned his role is mainly to teach classes, stating he is currently teaching Excel, as well as a basic "101" Computer class. These classes generally run for two hours, three days in a row; and are being attended by anywhere from six to nine students each time.

What we're finding now, however, Dick commented, is that people are currently more interested in "How do I run my telephone, how do I run my iPad;" and, "Can I do all of this stuff in my car or when I'm lying in bed – rather than getting up and sitting in front of a computer?" Additionally, he pointed out, the people who are now moving into Sun City are much more computer savvy than they were ten years ago.

He especially advised the membership we are short of teachers, asking members to please get involved in teaching *ANY* class – whether it's a one-day Learning Session or three-day class.

Dick also outlined ways in which members can accumulate the sixteen hours of volunteer time which entitles them to attend the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. As an example, should you volunteer as an Aide for the duration of one of Dick's classes, that six hours goes toward your sixteen hours. "In the whole year, you'd have to be there twice plus a couple more classes," thereby making the point "We're not

really asking much." He reiterated Alan's statement, ***"If everybody does a little, nobody has to do a lot."***

**MONITORS, Lori Daly:** Lori stated she tries to have monitor training once a month, advising she is always available for anyone who needs additional help. If anyone wishes to become a monitor, the training takes about an hour; and "We can provide on-the-job help for new monitors if they need it." She stated we also need Aides to come in and help with classes. Aides do not need to know the material being taught – they simply need to alert the instructor if they become aware of someone who needs help. Lori invited anyone who is interested (in becoming an Aide) to see her after the meeting.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS, Zenon Sokolowski:** "Z" commented that while it may seem as though he is inundating members with emails, this is the only way of communicating with Club members. He asked any members not on the email list to come and see him following today's meeting. He also let members know he is at the Club on Tuesday mornings to help members with any computer problems.

**ELEMENT3 HEALTH.** Alan informed the membership the Club has made \$367 this year due to its membership in Element3 Health. He introduced **John Neel of Element3 Health** and invited him to explain the program to the Club's members. John proceeded to explain that Element3 Health, which was spun off Group Works, was started for the purpose of helping seniors with social isolation by encouraging involvement with -- and connections with -- others. He pointed out that social isolation has been found to have more impact on peoples' health than physical fitness. He stated Element3 Health is not an insurance company, but that it helps administer benefits for insurance providers. He stated individual members may register for the program.

Enrolment is free and the company does not – and cannot – access your Healthcare information, nor does it share nor sell your information with anyone else. To verify individual eligibility, the company asks for your date of birth, The name of your Medicare supplement or advantage plan provider, your member number and your zip code. It is a benefit offered through Medicare supplement and advantage plans.

Further, John explained you can earn up to ten dollars a month for the Club; and once you do fifteen activities (sign-ins to the Club), then your Club membership is free and anything above and beyond that, the Club keeps as income. Alan advised this adds up to \$120 a year, with \$105 being paid to the Club. In answer to questions from the membership, John explained it is the insurance industry who pays Element3 Health, saying the insurance payers "want you to be active." John also explained it is the insurance industry who pays Element3 Health to provide this benefit to individual registrants.

When asked by a member what state agency Element3 Health is responsible to, John answered they are under federal guidelines, namely Health and Human Resources.

In answer to the question of how Element3 Health is aware of individuals' Club activity, president Alan Ruda explained it is simply a matter of each member signing in upon entry into the Club; then he (Alan) generates a report and sends it to Element3 Health.

At this point, Alan commented that the Club has been involved for a little over a year and has thirty-two people signed up. He stated there are ten who are eligible so far (due to the fact not all insurance companies have become a part of the program).

Those members who change insurance companies are asked to notify the Club.

John advised members Alan has his phone number and he is accessible for any questions. In answer to further questions, John advised that Element3 Health spun off of Group Works.

**RAFFLE: (DRAW)** Prior to the close of the meeting, ALAN conducted the drawing for the **Toshiba laptop, four restaurant gift cards**, and several **flash drives**. Janece Brown won the laptop.

**ADJOURNED: At 2:10 p.m., Joe Janos moved we adjourn the meeting; and Lori Daly seconded. Passed.**