

COMPUTER CLUB OF SUN CITY
BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 7th, 2023
MINUTES

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PRESENT:

Officers: Alan Ruda, Gene Stashick, Joe Janos, Nolli Hartwell

Committee Chairs: Lori Daly, Dick Dudden, Zenon Sokolowski

Member Guests: Denny Nichols, Mike Wendel (Bd. member effective Jan 1, 2024)

ABSENT: Charley Housler

PRESIDENT, Alan Ruda: Alan held a brief Board-only meeting prior to the start of the regular board meeting, for the purpose of conducting a **ratification** of results of voting which took place at the November 9th General Membership Meeting. **Joe made a motion to appoint Mike Wendel as Education Chair and Dick Dudden as Membership Chair. Dick seconded.** Passed. Positions become **EFFECTIVE JANUARY, 2024:**

Regular Board meeting called to order at 9 a.m. Following Alan's request for a motion to approve the November 2nd minutes as well as the November 9th **General Membership Meeting** minutes, **Lori moved the minutes be accepted and Dick seconded.** Passed. Although the General Membership Meeting Minutes may be published now, Lori reminded us that at next year's GMM meeting, we must ask for General Membership approval of the minutes.

Additionally, with regard to next year's GMM meeting, Alan has received a suggestion to prepare an agenda for the membership (duly noted); and Lori suggested posting the agenda on our website. Additionally, for next year's annual meeting, Lori suggested we display more signage in the lobby directing members to the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Alan advised he received notice of the upcoming "**Discover Sun City**" event to be held at Sun Dial Recreation Center on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024.** As usual, there will be two shifts . . . 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Zen will do the evening shift with Lori and Dick will do the morning shift with Claudia (Hinson). Alan said we'll take membership sheets with a view to selling memberships, suggesting we can use the Square at the event. He advised he'll be in attendance throughout both shifts.

Denny advised there are problems with Wi-Fi at Sun Dial; and, that they're going to split the bandwidth so there will be Wi-Fi available just for Clubs.

OFFICER REPORTS:

TREASURER, Joe Janos: Joe shared his year-to-date financial statement, advising the Club took in \$1288 last month, with expenses of \$2531, including \$1850 for the

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (held November 9th), which included \$100 for prizes. He advised, "We're still solvent."

VICE PRESIDENT, Gene Stashick: Gene shared his Learning Sessions report, stating that last month 111 people attended sessions, with a total of 814 having attended for the year. He advised Isaac (Bonifas, of the Mac Club) will do an Apple products class on December 20th at 1 p.m. Denny stated he'll do a Gmail presentation in two weeks, at the start of his All-Things-Google session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: With Bill Hill having retired, Alan updated Membership figures and advised we currently have 622 members. (For the record, there was no board meeting in December of 2022. However, as of December 31, 2022, membership total was 704, reported by Bill at our January 5th, 2023 meeting.)

PROPERTY, Charley Housler: Alan read Charley's report. Discussion ensued regarding the sale of computers, with Alan suggesting granting Charley the green light to build computers. The board approved spending \$500 earlier this year to buy parts for building computers to sell.

Mike mentioned the availability of used computers at a very reasonable cost from Cox Cable.

EDUCATION: Dick Dudden: Four attended Computer 101 and 9 attended Excel 1. New instructor Larry O'Dea is teaching Excel 1. Dick is looking at doing a basic Word course. Those present did not have the answer to a question from Dick regarding whether there is an outline available for this class. Alan is working on compiling instructions for teaching Windows 11. Because Windows 11 will likely be a one-day session, it will likely be called a Learning Session.

Lori commented we need someone to do File Explorer year-round.

MONITORS, Lori Daly: Going well. A January 11th Monitor Training session is on the schedule for 10 a.m. There was some discussion regarding orientation of new Club members, which Alan reminded us that it appears in our Club Rules (*Duties of Membership Committee Chairperson - II.B., 1.a.*) Lori advised we discontinued orientation sessions; and currently, the only way new members receive any kind of orientation is by way of monitor training.

PUBLIC RELATIONS, Zenon Sokolowski: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **RE-CONFIGURATION OF C ROOM.** Alan advised we've added three tables for an L-shape, where tech people are going to work. Again, the re-configuration continues to be a work in progress.
2. **VCarve:** 7 installed.

3. **WEBSITE CORRECTION:** Alan advised he has re-written the statement in question but has yet to go over it with Charley. (Foregoing is regarding the correction of the following misleading statement in the site: "All you have to have is an RCSC card to have your computer worked on." Reference - <https://azccsc.com/Help/help.html> under the first heading, "Computer Repair Service.")
4. **ADVERTISING IN SUN CITY INDEPENDENT:** Continuation of discussion, including suggestion of re-taking Board pictures.
5. **Creation of NEW CLUB WEBSITE:** Website is down. The Web Team hasn't been able to get into it for a couple of months. They've been able to keep the calendar updated, because it's done in Google. Alan has a January 2nd meeting set up with web team, including Pam Raisenan. He stated Blue Host has been found to be as good as anything else.
6. **Creation of new LOGO for Club:** Under consideration.
7. **IPAD, IPHONE:** The search for instructors continues. Gene advised Isaac (Bonifas of the Sun Macs Club) will be doing a Learning Session on Wednesday, December 20th, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECEPTION AREA LIGHTING: Alan informed the board the lighting in Reception area will soon be updated and improved.

PRINTING: Alan advised we've lowered the cost of printing in the B room. Following discussion of printing costs, both at the Club and elsewhere, Dick moved we charge 10 cents a copy. Gene seconded. Passed.

"WHAT KIND OF COMPUTER SHOULD I BUY": Denny stated this is a frequent question from members. He suggested making a couple of Chromebooks available in the Lab for members to try out. Alan will get Charley's input on this suggestion.

OPEN HOUSE: Alan suggested having a Computer Club Open House. He mentioned that Bell Recreation Center does something of this nature once a year. Discussion ensued, expanding on this idea and suggesting there could be an open house for all of the Clubs operating out of the Fairway Recreation Center.

3D PRINTER: Discussion re 3D printers. Alan was given a 3D printer which he has set up here at the Club. He suggested we might consider having a Learning Session relating to 3D printers.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 10:15 a.m., JOE moved we adjourn and DICK seconded. Passed. Adjourned 10:15 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 4th, 2024, 9:00 A.M.



Nolli Hartwell, Secretary

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