

COMPUTER CLUB OF SUN CITY
BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 1ST, 2024
MINUTES

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PRESENT:

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

Committee Chairs: Dick Dudden, Zenon Sokolowski, Charley Housler, Mike Wendel, Lori Daly (via phone)

Member Guests: Janece Brown

ABSENT: All present

PRESIDENT, Alan Ruda: Meeting called to order at 9 a.m., with roll call (all present); and request for a motion to approve January 4th Minutes. **Dick moved the minutes be accepted and Joe seconded.** Passed.

Additional Agenda Items: None

Correspondence received: Element 3 is changing its name to "**GROUPER.**" Alan informed the meeting that he and Zen sat in on a conference call with them a couple of weeks ago, when they were advised the program is changing. Rather than sending the money to the Club each month, they'll be paying individuals directly. Currently, this will affect only eleven members. In answer to a question from Joe, Alan stated he'll continue to submit a monthly report. He reminded board members that those who made fifteen or more visits (to the Club) will have their dues covered; and stated that due to Grouper, we will still generate approximately \$600 in 2024.

Further, regarding Correspondence, there have been email communications relating to our electrical requirements. We have approved RCSC's drawings and are waiting to hear back from them as to when they'll start the work.

OFFICER REPORTS:

TREASURER, Joe Janos: Joe submitted his report later in the day, advising most of the membership renewals are included -- 385 from 12.1.2023 to 1.31.2024, for a total of \$2350. He mentioned the benefits of our copier purchase last year are showing up in reduced monthly expenses.

Referring to the \$491 reflected as a reconciling item, Joe advised this was an error which will reverse in February when it will be posted by the bank on our February statement.

VICE PRESIDENT, Gene Stashick: Gene shared his January report, indicating we had a total of 92 people in our Learning Sessions. He advised we're going to change

the name of the Windows 10 Session to a name which Lula approves (Lula Guyton, instructor). To be advised. The Session basically teaches the difference between Windows 10 and Windows 11, and Lula wishes to have "File Explorer" incorporated into the name.

Advising we had only one student in the iPhone/iPad class, Alan suggested there may be a breakdown in getting the word out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP, Dick Dudden: No hard-copy report was distributed. Dick informed us the chart shows we currently have 632 members in Club, whereas last year we had 737 at this time, so "we're off about 135". He stated quite a few new members have been joining recently. Commenting we're a hundred members short of last year, Alan stated we need to "push that up."

PROPERTY, Charley Housler: Charley said Joe has taken care of creating a separate category for Software. He mentioned the building of computers is proceeding.

With regard to D & E room, Charley stated he'd like to know if there's a way we can add the room letters to the calendar, so "When I look at the calendar two or three weeks ahead, I can know the room number so I can get it ready." He especially requested two to three weeks' advance notice for each class.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding ways and means to accomplish Charley's requests, focusing mostly on the following: 1) **Naming classes** in such a way as to clearly indicate classroom set-up requirements; 2) **Advertising specific rooms** in which classes will be held; 2) Ensuring the **Advertising of classes two to three weeks in advance** to enable a reasonable length of time for classroom set-up, including Dick's mention that room designation can be added to the labels as well as the front of the book.

EDUCATION, Mike Wendel/Dick Dudden: Dick stated the report shows we had 34 students in classes in January. There is no figure shown for Excel 1. He didn't see a sheet, but believes there were 2 students. Dick said we need to ask Larry to make sure he does an attendance sheet, and that he **ensures the attendance sheet gets into Mike's box**. Dick stated last year's attendance for January was 20. Lori asked what happened to the Word class; and was advised we had two students. Due to the instructor's commitments, there will be no February Word class. However, the class will resume in March.

MONITORS, Lori Daly: Lori advised the monitor calendar for February is pretty well filled. Her intention is to hold another monitor training session at the end of February. To be advised. Board members commented on the excellent attendance at the most recent monitor training session – twenty -- and Lori mentioned four new monitors signed up while at the meeting.

Referring back to the Learning Sessions report, Alan noted no entry had been made on the report showing the 20 people who attended the Monitor Training session, yet Lori stated she filled out the attendance sheet and put it in the box. It was discovered the 20 attendees had been shown beside the "Microsoft Windows 10" class which had 10 attendees. To be corrected.

PUBLIC RELATIONS, Zenon Sokolowski: Zen stated he needs a list of people who have not yet renewed, so he can send out an email. He also needs a list of new members so he can update his mailing list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

"DISCOVER SUN CITY" EVENT which took place on **January 17th at Sun Dial Center.** Alan advised we had a lot of traffic and made contact with the Mac Club again. He advised "We're going back to the table to talk again at the middle of this month." Mike mentioned there was a lot more room for the booths and for more clubs to be there and he liked the change in the format in general. Alan agreed, stating there are now two hours when people are "coming by your table," rather than an hour. Dick commented there were 120 clubs present at the event.

Alan asked, "Is there anything we can do differently?" Dick commented he thought we had a nice-looking table; and, that it would be helpful if we could have our table located near a power source next time, so we could have an actual operating computer there. Alan suggested we'll request power next time. There was a few minutes of general discussion regarding the event, including Mike suggestion of putting a monitor a little higher on the table which could be showing slides as part of the display, as a way to attract even more attention and interest.

RE-CONFIGURATION OF C ROOM: Alan advised this matter remains on hold until we get our power situated, which he expects may happen sometime this month.

VCARVE: Alan advised the computers have been updated with the new version – V11.55. Of the seven computers programmed with **VCarve**, one is a teacher's computer and six are for the students. He commented, "They're scheduling a lot of classes right now, attended by a lot of people; and those numbers will drop off as snowbirds leave." He also stated the sessions have increased in length from two to three hours -- and now, to four hours -- and he added, "They're finding that all the people they're bringing in have different skill levels," so they're considering a requirement for some of their students to have prerequisites in Computers 101 and File Explorer.

ADVERTISING: Dick mentioned someone had placed a photo on his door at home, of one of our classes, noting the photo had come from the Sun City Independent. Zen advised it's a photo he had taken and submitted to the Independent almost a month and a half ago, suggesting to them to "use this whenever you can." He pondered

whether we want to buy a space and push the Club, including advertising our Tech Services. Alan enthusiastically supports publicizing the repairs and services offered by our Tech Services.

Whether or not we should buy space became the topic of several minutes' discussion, with Mike commenting it is newsworthy to let people know we are "more than just classes and PC's," and Joe expressing the opinion we could submit a small article accompanied by a picture without spending \$500. In answer to Dick's question, "What do they charge," Alan suggested "Let's do some research and get some prices and go from there," adding, "We need to get the word out and we need to get our membership up."

3D PRINTING LEARNING SESSIONS: Zen asked Alan when we are going to teach 3D Printing. Alan answered, "There are four sessions scheduled. One already took place on Monday and seven people attended. Each session has a different curriculum." He commented the instructor **Randy Hostettler** put a lot of time in on his Power Point presentation and did a good job.

ADOPTION OF GODADDY as new CLUB WEB HOST: Alan advised we're putting GODADDY on hold and we're trying to work with **BLUE HOST** which is generally considered "not that bad." He also stated Blue Host is paid for, with Mike adding we're paid up with Blue Host until November of 2025. There was further discussion regarding the technicalities involved as well as a preference for building the site with Word Press, which will involve a learning curve. Adding **BLUE HOST** is also cheaper than GoDaddy, Alan mentioned he'll meet again soon with the Web Team.

CREATION OF NEW CLUB LOGO: Web team is working on this.

OPEN HOUSE: Alan is of the opinion the open house event should be deferred until the electrical work is done. What with not having a scheduled date for electrical work, he does not wish to risk the possibility of conflicting dates.

Mike feels the open house should not be deferred, suggesting it could be something relatively simple which probably does not need to involve formal presentations, but simply such things as getting some advertising out asking people to come in to the Fairway Center and then showing them around. He feels if it comes to a scheduling conflict, we could probably work around that. Lori suggested all that would be involved is having booklets printed to hand out; and showing people around. She suggested March or April for the **Open House**, before too many snowbirds leave. Dick reminded us that with Easter being at the end of March, people will be leaving early this year.

Alan responded to the foregoing comments with the suggestion, "Then let's set a date." Following a discussion, there was general agreement to hold the **OPEN HOUSE** on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th from 9 until 3**, with Alan commenting we'll put a committee together to move forward with making arrangements. **At that time Janece Brown volunteered to chair the committee** Zen suggested informing the Rec Center a week ahead of time so they'll put it on their electronic boards.

CLASSROOM AIDES – CONTACTING: Dick advised, “She’s (Barbara Johnson) got her computer running and she did get a notice out for the last batch of classes.” We decided we wouldn’t try to tell her how many Aides we need . . . we’ll just ask her to send out a publication for Aides and let them show up. He mentioned that for the 101 class we had three Aides. Excel had two Aides and Explorer had three or four. So we’ll “keep Barb Johnson doing what she’s doing.”

ON-LINE CLASS REGISTRATION: When the Web Team gets to work on creating a new page, we’ll work on trying to initiate on-line registration for classes as well as membership.

RE-VISIT ASKING THE MAC CLUB TO JOIN THE COMPUTER CLUB OF SUN CITY: Alan advised “We’re going to meet in the middle of the month. We’re going to sit down with Isaac and one other person,” and Dick continued, “Isaac agreed to put a two-person committee together which he would be on, stating the purpose of the meeting is to start putting together a plan of how we’re going to do this, rather than wait till their Club gets closed -- in the event they get closed at the end of the year.” Dick added, “Isaac was in agreement with it and their Treasurer was in agreement with it, so we have agreement from their two officers.”

I-MAC COMPUTERS IN C-ROOM – PROGRESS: Plus possibility of purchasing Mac computer from Amazon for ~ \$300. Alan advised we have four Mac computers in C room – three of them came from Charley and he put Linux on them. Mike Caplan has been working with Isaac switching the operating system. Lula was able to access the computer she had brought in . . . but it has an outdated operating system. The other 3 are more hopeful. . . so “Mike Caplan will be working on them to get a more current operating system on them.” Mike Caplan suggested purchasing another one; however Alan is not in favor of purchasing something we already have.

Charley added, “When we get these guys in here remodeling, there will be some expenses connected with that. We’re going to have to buy switches and maybe a router or two, and get the wireless set up . . . so we could easily spend a grand on that, so keep that in mind for the budget.” Alan commented they’re bringing in two more patch panels for us with all the new data drops, so we’ve got to wait and see what we end up with.” Dick suggested we may be wasting our money if we were to buy new computers, because if we merge with Apple, they’ll probably be bringing some computers over.

ELECTRICAL WORK: RCSC will be installing more electrical and data drops in all rooms. Alan advised there will be power poles alongside the desk, rather than “all these wires,” the latter of which can constitute a tripping hazard.

NEW BUSINESS:

Janece offered to deliver flyers to the Rec Centers, an offer which was gratefully accepted. She also asked if we're doing colored paper to draw attention. Alan mentioned Bill (former membership Chairperson) had been printing brochures and new member handbooks. Alan said he designed the last flyer a couple of years ago. Gene was delivering them. Janece also asked if we're passing out brochures at the Visitor Center. Alan mentioned they usually call and let us know when they're out. Lori mentioned there were some flyers on the table at the entryway into the Fairway Center.

GOOD AND WELFARE: No entries.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Joe moved we adjourn and Gene seconded. Passed. Adjourned 10 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 7th, 2024, 9:00 A.M.



Nolli Hartwell, Secretary

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