# COMPUTER CLUB OF SUN CITY BOARD MEETING: MAY 2nd, 2024 MINUTES

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#### **PRESENT:**

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

Committee Chairs: Lori Daly, Zenon Sokolowski, Mike Wendel, Dick Dudden

**Members:** Isaac Bonifas, Denny Nichols

**ABSENT:** Charley Housler

**PRESIDENT, Alan Ruda:** Meeting called to order at 9 a.m. Dick moved the April minutes be accepted and Lori seconded. Passed.

Additional Agenda Items: July meeting date - See New Business

**Correspondence:** From RCSC, re progress - Sun Macs/Computer Club merger

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**TREASURER, Joe Janos:** In April, we took in \$974.70, with expenses of \$500.39, so we made \$474.31. We're solvent with \$9,160.99 in the bank. One of our two CD's was maturing in mid-May, so "I took it out for another nine months at a 5.5% rate." The other CD rate is 4.65%, maturing in November. Joe pointed out the importance of doing some investing in view of the fact the checking account is not interest-bearing.

**VICE PRESIDENT, Gene Stashick:** 120 people came to Learning Sessions in April. Advanced Investing is still doing well, with 25 people attending. Android Help is also doing well with 25 attending. Twenty-six people attended classes in April.

# **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MEMBERSHIP, Dick Dudden:** Dick reported 608 members as of today, including new Apple Club members. **Claudia (Hinson)** inputted all Sun Macs' members' names. Monitor **Laurie Meyer** made new badges for all and they're in the box (at the monitor desk).

**PROPERTY, Charley Housler**: Alan received a text from Charley asking for Mike and Dick's o.k. to put the current Windows 11 update version into E Room. Approval received. Alan provided diagrams showing his proposed reconfiguration of A, B and C Rooms. The topic generated considerable discussion, with Alan reminding us he has made a budget request for countertops and cabinets for the Tech Room as well as the back wall of B Room, C Room and the Teachers' room. Isaac indicated A Room configuration will be similar to Sun Macs' previous set-up.

**EDUCATION, Mike Wendel**: **Patti Rabe** has been taking over as coordinator of **Aides**. Dick advised she sends out a blanket email to all those who are on the Aides list. Based on answers she receives, she then lets teachers know in advance which Aides will serve in their classes. Teachers then find the Aides' numbers and put them on the roster. Alan advised Patti wishes to be contacted through her email or phone. (Phone number was shared later.) She has a Gmail account specifically designated for the purpose of communicating with Aides.

**MONITORS, Lori Daly:** With "A" Room now designated for Apple use, the location for future Monitor Training sessions came under discussion, with the conclusion Lori will make her decision based on the choice of available rooms.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS, Zenon Sokolowski**: Our email system is changing. Benchmark is cutting back our free membership list to 500 contacts with a maximum of 3500 free emails sent out per month. Their next plan is \$30 a month for up to 2500 contacts. Zen indicated he is still learning Mail Chimp. He is pleased with the fact 50% of our membership are opening their emails.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**MERGER WITH SUN MACS:** Alan advised "The merger is done. They closed their doors on April 30<sup>th</sup> and they're with us as of May 1<sup>st</sup>." Our data base has been updated per Dick's Membership Report above. They have purchased five computers and brought over four computers. **Isaac** gave a report regarding the numerous tasks involved in accomplishing the move, including clean-up of their former premises. Starting next week he'll "get everything up and running here." Although waiting on final bills from Cox, etc., \$3476.06 is the current bank balance; and "We'll turn that money over." Joe queried the procedure which will be used to close the books out; and Isaac stated they'll do an audit and will soon meet with Joe.

In answer to a question from Lori as to whether "A" room will be limited to use by the Apple group, Isaac answered it will be available for other uses when not booked by the Apple group.

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024: Sun Macs have officially merged with the Computer Club, under the CCSC name.

#### **WEBSITE:**

Mac group's Website designer **Rich Cornwell** – although he does not maintain websites - is willing to work with Alan on the creation of a new site. He has experience with Word Press. Noon Saturday has been suggested as a meeting time. (Being held over for now are the following pending matters: new **Computer Club logo** and creation of **on-line class registration**.)

**ADVERTISING:** Dick advised **Agnes Holub** does a very good newsletter for the Apple Group. He stated she needs to know who to work with here if she is to carry on by doing a Computer Club newsletter. Lori suggested Loring Bernhardt might be asked to assist with a newsletter.

Considerable time was spent discussing edits for our new **CLUB HANDBOOK AND BROCHURE**, beautifully drafted by **Loring Bernhardt**.

**GUEST SIGN-INS:** Agreed to use same sheet already provided.

**SUMMER HOURS:** Reminder – Summer hours now in effect - 8:30 to 2:30 Monday through Saturday. Lori expressed concerns over the fact she lost at least a half dozen monitors when we went back to 4-hour shifts. *Alan suggested the addition of this topic to next month's agenda.* 

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**GROUP LEADER POSITION:** Motion put forward to establish **Group Leader** roles as and when deemed necessary, with specific appointments of Group Leaders to be approved by the Board. **Mike moved; Dick seconded. Passed.** Moved to appoint the first two Group Leaders: **Isaac Bonifas** to represent the Apple Group and **Neil Feinglass** to represent Linux Group. **Dick moved and Mike seconded. Passed.** 

**DATE – JULY BOARD MEETING:** The July meeting will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, due to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday being Independence Day. **Joe moved; Lori seconded.** Passed.

**RE-NAMING OF LEARNING SESSIONS:** Generally agreed to re-name Learning Sessions to **WORKSHOPS.** Mike moved, Lori seconded. Passed.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:** No entries this month.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 10:45. Joe moved; Mike seconded. Passed.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 6th, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

Nolli Hartwell, Secretary

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