

## SCPD "Let's Compute" Computer Club

### Minutes of Board of Directors Special Meeting June 10, 2008

A special meeting was held on Tuesday, June 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the computer lab. Board members attending were: Lyn Morse, Jack Drill, Kent McDonald, Howard Reese and Jan Grenert. Barbara Kaye and Shelia Harbet were absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to clarify some issues and unresolved questions resulting from the Board of Directors meeting of May 15, 2008.

The issue: Lyn reserved Speakers Hall for the third Tuesday of every month from June 2008 to June 2009 for presentations without obtaining Board approval. MacGallery was scheduled to make presentations in that series. These monthly Tuesday events are referred to as presentations rather than meetings.

Side note: The Association allows clubs to reserve Speakers Hall twice a month. The existence of the SCPDCA policy allowing clubs to conduct two Speakers Hall presentations a month rather than one was not known by Let's Compute Board members. Mac Gallery is not booked for every month—they are booked for June 2008 only. Other groups such as the Camera Club or the Audio-Visual group could be invited to present in order to take advantage of the newly discovered additional monthly educational capability.

The response: Lyn said she did not bring the request to the Board because the presentations made by MacGallery had been held for four previous months (January through April), they were well attended and well received, and no Board member made any objection until the schedule of these future presentation was presented at the May 15 meeting. Jack said a lack of Board member objections to the January through April meetings could be considered *de facto* Board approval for Lyn to plan the presentations for the next club year. Lyn said that she made the reservations for the year to have that date locked in. She also indicated that other presentations could be made then, but if no one had asked her for the upcoming month within two weeks of the date, she would invite MacGallery to do a presentation.

The issue: Those presentations would be open to outsiders and appear to be a breach of Association Rules and Regulations as well as our own club by-laws.

The response: Lyn asked the Association General Manager Sandy Sosnowski for a ruling on whether outsiders could be invited to our club presentations and General Meetings. After consulting with Harvey Goldstein, Chair of Association Documents and Gerry Hatcher, of that Committee, Sandy told Lyn that invitations can be extended to specific outside guests/groups, and in fact, the Association encourages such action. However, Sandy said 'blanket' invitations cannot be issued.

The issue: Let's Compute By-Laws limits resident guests to attending one meeting before they must join the club. Let's Compute's By-Laws do not make allowances for non-residents guests.

The response: The club will have to consider amending the By-Laws to set up regulations for non-resident guests to attend presentations and general meetings and restrict the use of the lab and classes to authorized members of the computer club.

Side Note: The possibility of increasing attendance at General meetings and presentations would be an advantage in obtaining program presenters and be enjoyed by many more residents.

The issue: Was there a formal agreement with MacGallery or Dan Eye to do all presentation without any cost to MacGallery or was there any promise of 'gift software or products' prior to agreeing to make the presentations?

Side Note: This was in reference to other businesses that pay to use the Associations facilities for financial presentations, for example.

The response: Lyn and Kent, who met with Dan Eye of MacGallery, said there was absolutely no such agreement. Software given to the club came from Apple for promotional purposes. The invitation to make the monthly Tuesday presentation was extended to the MacGallery unless another presenter requests a time slot.

The issue: The club was allowing MacGallery to use our club to promote their business.

The response: Almost all presenters at General Meetings are representing a business and in the expectation that their program will interest people to purchase their products or services.

The meeting also included a discussion on completing the inventory of the lab and specifically all the software in time for the July report to Michael Swift.

Since the club has no Director of Programs for the coming year, Lyn contacted several vendors at the recent Southwest User Group Conference in San Diego. Some prospective presenters are Google Earth, Corel, Pinnacle and Norton. Ken Cook will return with his presentation on scanners as will Denise Welsh of Computer Works.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Grenert,  
Secretary