

SCPD "Let's Compute" Computer Club

Minutes of Board Meeting
January 5, 2005

The Board of Directors met at 8:30 a.m. in the Saddleback Room of the Mountain Vista Clubhouse. Board members present were: Sheldon Plotkin, Dave Allan, Pete Claar, Jim Calvert, Lyn Morse, Kent McDonald and Jan Grenert. Members present were: Jack Drill and Dale Seffer.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved without change.

Treasurer Dave Allan reported a treasury balance of \$40,405.76 and membership at 903. Dave stated that the balance includes accumulated reserve funds of \$21,000.00 carried over from previous years for future purchases of equipment. Dave presented members with an updated reports: Category Summary Report of income and expenses thought 1-5-05, and Budget Report Lyn Morse made a motion to accept the Budget. Kent McDonald seconded the motion. . The board reviewed the Budget and discussed several items. The motion to approve the budget was approved.

Sheldon Plotkin and Jim Calvert opened the discussion on the advisability of replacing the PC computers in the lab this year. Jim suggested that the PC's could be good for another year if the hard drives are re- formatted and the software re-installed. Jim made a motion that no PCs be purchased this year. Pete seconded the motion. In the discussion that followed, Jack Drill said the PCs in the lab and current new PCs on the market operate with 32 bit chip processor, but within a year, PCs with 64 bit processor chips will be available. He recommended waiting for Windows XPro operating system and the 64-bit chip processor. The board approved the motion.

Kent McDonald said he discovered that the output of G5 iMac could be adjusted to show through the projector to the screen. He noted that the G5 already has a 64-bit processor. Lyn and Kent agreed that any purchase of new iMacs be delayed until the new "Tiger" Operating System is released and refined. Lyn made a motion to delay the purchase of any new Macs until February (after the MacWorld Conference) Dave Allan seconded the motion, which was approved by the board members.

Kent reported on his investigation of projectors available on the market. He said his research showed that our present projector is as good as any available at the present time. Kent made a motion to purchase a spare projector bulb. Lyn seconded the motion. The estimated cost of the bulb is \$305.00. The board approved the purchase.

Jim Calvert recommended that the club purchase Microsoft Office for the Mac through Jack Drill, whose son can make the purchase through the Microsoft Store at the discounted price of \$60. Kent made a motion to purchased eight copies of Microsoft Office 2003 for the Mac with the cost not to exceed \$500, exclusive of taxes and handling. Lyn seconded the motion. The board discussed the increased of Mac classes which will be possible with this additional software. The motion was passed.

Lyn Morse outlined the programs she had set up for future general meetings:

January 25 - Lee Otsubo, the Digital Camera Guy. February 22 – Brent Leach of Staples, March 22 – Time Warner/Road Runner. April 26 – Kent and Kerry will present a program on the web cam. May 24 – Jack Drill will do his iMovie demonstration.

Sheldon reported on a request by Gary May of Food and Beverage that his trainees be allowed to take PC classes to help them in their job duties. Jan Grenert said she had received a request by Tony Chavez, Head Golf Professional, who also would like to take classes. Jan made a motion to make the club's teaching facilities available as requested by Gary May and Tony Chavez, with no membership fee required. Jim seconded the motion. The board passed the motion.

The board meeting planned for January 18 is cancelled.

In response to an e-mail from Shirley Allan regarding slack time during open lab (read at last month's board meeting) Jim Calvert said that so far he hasn't run out of times for classes and at the present time no further teaching hours are needed. He thanked Shirley for her thoughtful suggestion.

Jan Grenert suggested that the board extend an invitation to residents via the SCPD web site to attend the program at the next general meeting as guests. The board agreed. Jan will provide the information to the web master.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Grenert
Secretary