

## SCPD "Let's Compute" Computer Club

Minutes of Board Meeting  
February 15, 2005

The Board of Directors convened its regular monthly meeting on February 15, at 2:30 p.m. in the computer lab. The group met in a brief Executive session prior to the open board meeting. Board members present were Sheldon Plotkin, Lyn Morse, Jim Calvert, Pete Claar, Dave Allan, Kent McDonald, and Jan Grenert. Also attending the board meeting were Dale Seffer, Shirley Allan, and Betsy Lewis.

The minutes of the prior meeting were read and approved after minor corrections.

Treasurer, Dave Allan reported a treasury balance of \$42,129.36. Membership is 1029. He requested invoices/packing lists for the recent shipment of Microsoft Office for the Macs. Pete said he would contact Jack Drill for the paperwork. Lyn noted that the software is loaded on all Macs.

Kent McDonald said he has been contacted by Dave Nay, Chair of the Communications Committee. His committee is working with the Association Board and is interested in increasing the strength of our existing wireless output so that it can be utilized throughout the Mountain View Clubhouse. The Communications Committee will purchase the new MIMO wireless technology equipment necessary at no cost to Let's Compute. Kent explained that this would not be a new feature for the lab, but would serve to increase the wireless range 800% without any cost to the club. The board members discussed the idea and agreed to accept. Kent will install the new equipment.

Pete Claar said that the Maintenance Team has finished hardwiring all the PC's (except the one used for slide scanning which is wireless), because the wireless connections were not performing uniformly. Two iMacs were always hardwired, and the rest are wireless. He also said the Maintenance Team will hold regular monthly meetings.

*Note: The board was polled individually last week to obtain approval to authorize \$241.00 for the purchase of equipment needed for the hardwiring.*

Lyn Morse voiced her concern that attendance at the General Meetings would again exceed the 240 capacity of the Speaker's Hall. Attendance at the January 25 meeting was 280. She asked the board to consider what actions should be taken if this happens again in the future.

Lyn announced that Sharon Keil has offered to take care of monitoring and purchasing supplies for the computer room.

Jan Grenert and Lyn reported on a request from Leonard Leiter to form a Camera SIG whose focus would be on photography, photo competition and judging. Leonard presented the idea at the Feb.9 Digital SIG meeting. Many members at that meeting indicated an interest in forming the group. Lyn will contact Leonard to tell him of the board's approval for the new SIG.

Jim Calvert reported on a recent Teachers meeting. As a result of the ideas and information from that meeting, Shirley Allan prepared an "Instructor Information" document the lists Class Procedure and Equipment Procedures. The board approved the document, which will be sent to all teachers. Jim thanked Shirley for her exceptional work.

It was noted that the Association no longer requires clubs to make monthly reports on attendance. However the board members felt that members should be required to sign in when they enter during open lab time. Members coming in for classes are already listed on the class sign in sheets. Jan will maintain a four-week history of sign in sheets.

Betsy Lewis reported that a report is forthcoming on the procedure for future disposal of excess lab computers and equipment.

Jim Calvert provided each board member a list of people who have keys to the lab.

Sheldon said he has appointed Pat Palladino as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. The board was polled as to who would run for office again next year:

Sheldon Plotkin	No
Jim Calvert	No
Pete Claar	No
Jan Grenert	Yes
Lyn Morse	Yes
Kent McDonald	Yes
Dave Allan	undecided.

Respectfully submitted  
Jan Grenert, Secretary