

Minutes of the Let's Compute Board Meeting, June 14, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Sheldon Plotkin at 9:00 a.m in the Santa Rosa room. Board members present were Sheldon Plotkin, Dave Allan, Lyn Morse and Kent McDonald; Pete Claar and Jim Calvert were absent, and Jan Grenert was stranded at the airport in Chicago, unable to attend. Incoming Board members Jack Drill, Bill Crowley, Shelia Harbet and Barbara Kaye were present, along with Dick Scarpulla and Betsy Lewis.

The official results of the election of officers was reported as 387 ballots returned out of 1086 ballots mailed to members, a 35% rate of return. Elected were: Lyn Morse, President; Bill Crowley, VP Programs; Kent McDonald, VP Communications; Shelia Harbet, VP Education; Jan Grenert, Secretary; Jack Drill, Treasurer; and Barbara Kaye, Member-at-Large. Neal Denkler received 172 votes for VP Education; Shelia Harbet received 211 votes.

Dave Allan reported that we have \$39,665.08 in the bank, not including the dues received with the ballots. There are dues from 20 new members and 421 renewals that will be deposited on or about July 1. All members whose checks were received during the May ballot accumulation period will be considered members for 2005-06. Dave has prepared the deposit paperwork so it is ready to go to the bank.

Lyn Morse announced that all Board members would receive keys to the wall-mounted wooden box at the July Board meeting, so that we will avoid situations in the future when there is nobody in town who can unlock the ballot box. Lyn suggested that we should consider issuing membership cards so that the sign-in process at general meetings would proceed faster. A number of issues need to be studied before we can actually issue cards. Lyn also made a motion that had been passed in April to rescind the nominal one-hour limit on general meetings. She felt that it could cause prospective guest speakers to refuse our invitation since some topics cannot fit within an hour. The motion died for lack of a second, but Lyn is likely to discuss the idea again at a future meeting.

Kent McDonald made a motion to order seven new Macintosh G5 iMac computers for a total of \$12,313 from Mac Connection. There will be no shipping or sale tax on the order. These systems will be 64 bit, 2 GHz processors with 1GB of RAM, using the new 64 bit Tiger operating system. Each computer will have wireless keyboard and mouse, a 160 GB hard drive, and a dual-layer SuperDrive that can burn DVDs. Three year AppleCare protection is included. The motion was unanimously approved. The computers should be ready to install around the end of June. Kent will notify everyone of the date, in case they want to participate in the installation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent McDonald