

SCPD "Let's Compute" Computer Club

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
July 15, 2003

The Board of Directors of "Let's Compute" Computer Club met at 1:00 p.m. on July 15 in the Idyllwild Room. Board members present were: Sheldon Plotkin, Dave Allan, Lyn Morse, Kent McDonald and Bob Jameson. Jan Grenert and Jim Calvert were absent. Member Leonette Rowe was also in attendance.

Dave Allan reported the current treasury balance is approximately \$17K, including \$6K carried forward from the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Dave has given the year-end report to Sheldon for his review and approval. He noted that the Club is spending approximately \$150 per month on ink cartridges for printers.

Leonette Rowe, representing the Fine Arts Digital SIG, asked that the Club purchase one copy of Photoshop 7 for use by members during open lab time. The approximate cost is \$299.00. The Photoshop Elements 2 software that is currently installed on several computers does not provide certain needed features. The Photoshop 7 software would be installed either on the instructor PC or on one of the computers in the back row. Lyn moved, and Kent seconded that we purchase the software. The motion passed. Kent agreed to purchase the software, attempting to get the Adobe User Group discount that we got for Acrobat.

Lyn Morse, who represented the Club at the July 11 Newcomer Coffee, said that 35 people stopped at the table, and many of them were interested in joining.

Lyn reported that the inventory of hardware is complete, but there is more work needed to finish the software inventory. Time is scheduled on Friday, July 18 at 2:00 PM to hopefully wrap this up. The surplus keyboards and other misc. hardware will be donated to Computerworks, which repairs donated equipment for use by needy families.

Kent reported that the last five MACs are now connected to RoadRunner by Airport cards, so every computer in the lab is online. This is a major milestone. Bob mentioned that we have had at least one class session where every student was accessing the same web site concurrently—with no problem.

Lyn reported that she is loading a PowerPoint presentation on the retired Bondi Blue iMac. It will be a promotional series of slides about the Club, which will be displayed in the lab window for passers by.

The Board looked at the sample Monitor ID display prepared by Jan Grenert. It was a picture of "Monitor for the Day" Bob Jameson in a nice frame for display next to the sign-in register at the door. Everyone liked the way it looked. Now, each monitor will need to get their picture taken, so a set of these can be made.

Lyn reported that the recent survey results indicate an interest in Wordperfect classes. Since the new Dell computers are configured now with Wordperfect instead of Word, we can expect to see this new requirement for classes. We don't have an instructor yet, and we don't have a software license either.

Kent reported that he will talk to "Big Joe" about the best way to provide backup cables for the projector in Speakers Hall. Recently, the Association has purchased a portable Sony projector which has been used when the main projector would not work with a visiting laptop computer.

Plans for the October general meeting program call for Lee Otsubo presenting a Digital Camera Workshop. A presentation by Ritz Cameras is planned for the November meeting.

Bob Jameson reported that we need to purchase additional Norton AntiVirus software licenses in order to be legal at the lowest cost. It is better to get new retail licenses than to update the OEM licenses that came with the computers, because the future updates will be cheaper. Bob said he will look at the best way to buy this software in quantity. It was noted that the Norton AntiVirus software on the Macs is no longer operational, so this should be rectified in light of the reported OS X vulnerability.

Lyn reported that she has ordered a free Flashback software kit from Alladin. They will give us kits like this for each of their products, providing that we write up a review in our newsletter. Kent agreed to do a review of the Mac version of Flashback. We might demonstrate the software in the lab during a scheduled class session.

Sheldon asked that we make an effort to schedule Mac monitors in the lab during open hours. Lyn said she would mark up the volunteer list to show which people are in the Mac SIG. We will also nominate a volunteer coordinator to organize the various functions that will be done in the future by volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kent McDonald, Secretary Pro Tem