

SCPD "Let's Compute" Computer Club

Special Board Meeting March 25, 2002

A special Board meeting was held on March 25, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Computer Lab. The purpose of the special meeting was to receive a report presented by the Slide Scanner Committee. Board members present were Sheldon Plotkin, Jim Calvert, Leonette Rowe and Jan Grenert. Pete Claar and Jim Calvert headed the Slide Scanner Committee presenting the report.

The question presented by the Committee was: Should the club purchase a Slide Scanner to copy 35 mm slides to disk? This involves the following considerations:

- Purchasing a Scanner
- Training special Scanner Monitors to oversee use of the Slide Scanner.
- Users must be trained and certified to use the Slide Scanner.
- Users would copy slides which would be scanned to the C drive then transferred to a CD Rom
- Specific time periods would be set for use of the Slide Scanner.
- Limit use time per person per session.
- The scanner should be of high quality
- A computer should be dedicated to use with the scanner.

Other considerations were:

- Should the Club make the purchase?
- The Club would be providing a service to members in the form of a cooperative in which users would share the cost of the machine and maintenance with the Club.
- The scanner can be locked away when not in use.

It is estimated that about 40 slides can be scanned in one hour. The cost of "outside" scanner service runs from \$1.00 per slide to \$2.50 per slide. About 600 slides can fit on a CD.

The Committee presented literature on three models of Slide Scanners:

1. HPS20 costing \$500.
2. Nikon Super Coolscan 4000ED costing \$1700
3. Nikon Coolscan IV ED Film Scanner costing \$900

Their recommendation was that we purchase the Nikon Coolscan IV ED Film Scanner.

Jim Calvert made a motion that the Club purchase that scanner. Jan seconded the motion. A brief discussion was held and all 4 board members present approved the motion.

Jim and Pete will make the purchase.

Jan made a motion to charge a fee – to be set by the Board – for use of the scanner. Jim seconded the motion. A discussion followed in which it was suggested that Users pay by the hour for use of the scanner. Appointments for scanner use would be made with monitors and that payment be made in advance.

All four Board members voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Grenert, Secretary