

COMPUTERBUS Board Meeting

Community Room, 229-A SW G Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

March 5, 2008

President Rury Ervin opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Others in attendance were: Norma Pedrick, Treasurer; Joanne Shields, Member-at-Large; Fred Koch, Member-at-Large; Jim Frego, Administrative Advisor, and Secretary Ernie Coffman. Board members absent were: Fran Stroup, Vice-President and Membership Chair Helen Rhoades.

It should be noted that most of the board members entered into discussion about what has been happening with a new member, who called several people asking for assistance in getting onto PayPal and eBay, which seemed a little much for members to respond to. One of those called wasn't even a board member, but a presenter at our last general meeting.

After Jim came in, Rury asked if there were any items of business; and, with that Norma brought up the idea that we need to appoint a Chairperson to head up the Nominating committee to start the search for new Board Members for next year. Several people were discussed and Ernie was to call one candidate and get back to Norma about it. Norma then asked all members if they were willing to stay on board for the following year. After that, Norma asked Ernie if he would do the Nominating Committee, again.

Joanne pointed out that we should have in the Minutes, that "they were approved as published on the webpage;" and, with this Fred made a motion saying that he approved of the Minutes. In the future, this will be written into the Minutes, as everyone on the Board was sent them and everyone except Fred had approved of the Minutes, before they were sent to Joanne, the Webmistress.

Rury announced that Alan will be doing the next program on motion pictures showing pictures of movie stars past and present, and how to do your own, and then indicated that the eBay program seemed to be incomplete, with several members asking if the two presenters could return. Thus, Rury asked the board's opinion on this, with all of us agreeing that it would be good to happen. Because of the dates, it was agreed that Rury would ask her daughter and friend to see if they would continue the eBay presentation on April 9th. Rury then asked if there were any suggestions for other future programs. Discussion followed with suggestions of Stationery, Animations, Clip Art, and Business Cards to share with the general membership presentations.

Fred indicated that the club's laptop computer should be "cleaned-up," as he felt there were too many downloaded programs on it, and therefore made it difficult for presenters to use. Jim answered concerns and after some discussion, Fred indicated that he could take some of the programs off, before a presenter was going to use the computer, which seemed to be in agreement with Jim. Fred felt that Firefox had too many toolbars, and that there were too many Short Cut Icons on the Desktop; the Launch bar had too many items and the Task Bar had too many items and all this "CLUTTER" was confusing to anyone using the Laptop besides Jim. Therefore, Jim agreed that Fred could turn off desktop icons, toolbars in Firefox or IE he does not use, and the launch bar. If the items in the Taskbar still cause confusion he can "HIDE" them. But, No PROGRAMS should be removed, according to Jim.

Norma pointed out that we needed to have an Audit Committee to audit her treasury books, indicating that Ernie couldn't do it because he was a co-signer of checks. George Moffett's name was brought up, so he was to be contacted. Norma, also, asked if we were going to do the non-profit flea market this year, which the Daily Courier puts on in August. Some discussion went on, with folks indicating that people didn't seem to have much computer equipment to offer.

After that, Norma asked if we were to going to have an anniversary party this year, with the club being six years old. Further discussion continued, which Rury will address to the general membership.

After some non-computer business, it seemed that folks were getting ready to dismiss, so Ernie brought up the idea to Rury that maybe we should have an agenda for our Executive Board meetings, so that we stay on track a little more, which would make it easier for everyone to follow along with, also!

Ernie Coffman

Secretary