

COMPUTERBUGS Board Meeting

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

September 5, 2007

President Rury Ervin opened the meeting a couple of minutes past 10:00 a.m. Others present were: Jim Frego, Administrative Advisor; Vice-President Fran Stroup; Members-at-Large Joanne Shields, Don George, and Fred Koch; Treasurer Norma Pedrick; and Secretary Ernie Coffman.

- Upon opening the meeting, Rury asked Norma what the letter that she was discussing with Ernie about, with Norma explaining that it was from the IRS, indicating that the club had received the intermediate stage of getting their permanent status of being a non-profit organization. The final one, hopefully, will come within 120 days.
- Rury then indicated that she had gotten around to reading the minutes and was wondering if there were any errors or whatever, saying that if none, we should approve them.
- Don noticed that our numbers for the club were going down and Rury responded by saying that the numbers in Rascals were going down, as well. She then went on to say what she thought was happening with the seniors and what they expect to get out of a club, such as ours. Discussion continued on this topic for quite awhile, with several individuals participating. A lot of this was based on what to be teaching at our general membership meetings. Rury said that so many people just cannot gain information from the Internet, so we have to look into this. Fred indicated that we need to evaluate our membership, with others adding their thoughts on various other topics. Don let us know that he could get us a room for a class of 25, if we had a class to offer. We finally came up with the concept that Rury was to get a check-off list out for our members, with numerous subjects that were suggested by the Board members. This then went into a Q & A discussion on a Blog list, with Google and YouTube being brought up, as well.
- Some question about what we were offering folks with our Mentor Program came up by Rury, so Ernie explained what we were offering, along with our Help Instructors that we can find on the Computerbug Webpage.
- After the discussion died down, Norma pointed out that our General Membership meeting site doesn't have an annual lease agreement, like we had this past year. She said that the landlord was aware of it, but she was concerned. Thus, she'll look over the paperwork that we had, as no one else would step up for reading it over, and will discuss it with the landlord. Don indicated that if anything ever were to come up, he would hope that we'd at least have 60-days notice.
- Then, Jim brought up a report on the club's laptop, saying that Dell was not supporting the software program, anymore. He had phoned them for a couple of different problems and found out that they wouldn't discuss things with him, unless he gave them his credit card, so they would be prepared to bill him on anything they discussed. He had to be connected with their manager before getting any other answers. Other discussion followed on the Vista OS, along with input from Fred, while others were still using XP.
- We had an adjournment just before 11:30 a.m.
- Next Board Meeting – October 3, 2007

Ernie Coffman