

COMPUTERBUGS Board Meeting

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

October 3, 2007

President Rury Ervin opened the meeting, asking whether there were any questions on the Minutes of last month. None were brought up, so they stand approved as written and put in our webpage. Others in attendance were Jim Frego, Administrative Advisor; Vice-President Fran Stroup; Treasurer Norma Pedrick; Members-at-Large Joanne Shields, Fred Koch; Secretary Ernie Coffman; and guest George Moffett.

- Rury asked if there were any questions about Norma's treasury report, that was sent out to everyone in e-mail. Everyone seemed satisfied with this approach. Norma then presented the IRS information and spoke about the problems in getting our final non-profit status. She indicated that Ernie and she had driven down to Medford to the IRS office, yesterday, to see if they could help to solve our problem. This wasn't accomplished, either. Ernie explained some of the problems that have been going on, indicating that when calling the IRS these days, you only get to talk with a machine, rather than a human. Some discussion followed on this final determination paperwork.
- Norma told us that the rental agreement with Tally had been signed and sent in, although the Landlord hasn't returned the form.
- Rury then handed out the summary of the survey that she had given out, a month ago, so this was the major part of our discussion today. Rury indicated that Photo Editing, PC Clean-Up, and E-mail leading the topics for those folks that wanted more discussion or classes about. Rury summarized what she thought of where our club members are. More discussion followed. Fred commented on what he observed at a computer repair store, on getting machines for classes. He then brought up comments on handouts that have been given out in past classes, thinking that they weren't very useful. Rury said that most of our folks are still using OS 98 and XP. Only four were using Vista. She said, as far as the handouts go, she thought they were really useful if the people followed them, but that you needed to review them every so often, for reading them one time wouldn't do it! Fran added his thoughts on this discussion, as well. Rury continued with discussions on this topic. George then suggested that we not think about getting computers until we find out more information on who would come to a class. Then, Jim did a summary of the club's history, indicating that the two clubs—RASCALS and COMPUTERBUGS—had just one computer, using the screen, so he's in agreement with George, that individual computers for all that are in the class, aren't necessary.
- We then had some discussion on joining the Chamber of Commerce, possibly, but this seemed to die a quick death because of the cost and because that members of the CC aren't interested in our club. Rury said that she didn't think it would help our club. Discussion then went into where we might hold these classes, if we ever made a decision to offer a class from the list on the summary. Norma suggested that we talk with Dave Tally about the space that we're using now. Other discussion brought up this room that the Executive Board uses, the Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, and further discussion went on prices, times, and the number of people that we would need to offer a class.
- Some discussion pertaining to money that the club collects for dues; thus, several members started giving Helen the dues that are coming up at this next meeting, on Wednesday, October 10th.
- Jim then brought up his thoughts on how he could lengthen the meeting and training class.
- As we were winding down, discussion came up on the OS Vista program, with Fred giving his thoughts on what and why we have to do a photo editing with Vista. Continued discussion on where we were going. Ernie made his thoughts on going slowly, as we look into classes and instruction, until we see where our membership is, after the next couple of meetings. Fred said that low fees might be too low, so we should think about that concept, also!

Ernie Coffman, Secretary