

COMPUTERBUGS Board Meeting

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

November 7, 2007

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

- Old Business. Fran asked if there were any old business. Jim told us we do not qualify for TechSoup items at this time. Joanne pointed out that TechSoup changed their requirements and programs, in their brochures and on the Internet, every so often, so this could change, possibly. Jim said that he knew of a lady friend who was able to get the club some software from Microsoft. Fred indicated that he had done some things with his laptop on installing software, also. Jim then explained some things with Virtual PC, with some folks asking questions about what Jim was discussing.
- Board Member Don George is in ill health. It was suggested that Fran call and see how he's doing and if we could help in anyway.
- Joanne asked about approving the Minutes of the last meeting. Discussion followed with a number commenting on it, as well as Norma explaining that they weren't approved until they were accepted by the Board Members, after Ernie emailed them out; and, then they were put on the webpage. Norma also explained about her Treasurer's Report.
- New Business. Jim asked Joanne about the website being changed because of Rogue Link's unfortunate towers being blown down, etc. Joanne told us about some of the problems and asked Jim if he could get into the Dream Host Server Control. Discussion followed on the new server, with Joanne fielding the questions. Helen asked a question about joining onto the list serve. Jim then explained that we would let folks know that they would have to re-register and this would be explained at the meeting and sent out to members. And, then Jim explained what happened to Echo Web/Rogue Link, after the wind storm last month. It knocked down towers and knocked (fried) their computers out of whack.
- Fred asked if we were going to have a Christmas Party, with Norma saying that we hadn't made reservations for a restaurant. Thus, Norma said she was offering her home for a gathering of members, who would be asked to bring finger food, and that she would have coffee, etc. for our celebration. Further discussion, including the date and directions would be forthcoming—it was agreed that the date would be Wednesday, December 19th.
- Then Jim brought up the survey that Rury had done a few months ago stating that the areas of interest were e-mail and photo editing.
- Helen mentioned a phishing expedition from a bank,
- Norma mentioned that HP had some home courses that they offered, with some discussion following.
- With this, Joanne asked what the next program would be, so Jim indicated that since he knew something about being a victim of fraud, that this would be his program for next Wednesday. Jim told us about his fraud situation dealing with an automobile and being mailed a phony check. He will look up the subject of fraud and put his program together. Fran indicated that he knew of a guy down in Medford, who might be able to put on a program about cell phones. Then, Jim had further thoughts on this, showing us what his cell phone could do; and, with that, a couple more cell phones came out on the table. A lot of discussion went on about what you can do with these little items, including transferring pictures and music to the computer.
- Ernie asked how much a mentor in the club should do for a mentee. The purpose of the Mentor Program is to provide one-on-one assistance to new members of Computerbugs who are true beginners and have expressed a desire to have an experienced club member help them get started in using their computers. A list of other resources will be made available to assist members with special needs or disabilities.
- After that, Helen brought up some concerns from her Membership handout.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Ernie Coffman, Secretary