

LEISURE WORLD PC USERS GROUP
MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 4, 2005

Present: Marge Amstadter, Mary Brunner, Anne Clark, Katy Link, Robin Nahas, Norm Salzberg, Lydia Savedoff, Kathryn Taylor, Roger Turner (Presiding). Absent: Barbara Bradley, Joe Schwarz, John Trask, Greta Wacker. Guests: Dick Abrahams, B.J. Dennis, Kaye Hammerman, Terry Holcomb.

The meeting was opened at 3:30 P.M. by President Roger Turner. It was MSP (Kathryn, Katy) that the minutes of the March 7, 2005 meeting be accepted as corrected.

President's Report – Roger Turner: Kaye will be taking over the Education Programs again. A meeting of all education personnel was held this morning with 18 in attendance. A letter was received from the Video Club thanking us for the donation of our old video projector and cart. New computers have been ordered using the Recreation Division allotment. They are expected about April 15th. About \$500 remains. May be used for some flat screen monitors.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Brunner: We are solvent. This month, outflows exceeded inflows by about \$650. John Trask keeps Workshop purchasing up to date and this is the major expense. Roger noted that John will be talking to the "Deep Freeze" people as he and Jean have reported that the maintenance contracts on some of the machines have expired. We are going to have to renew or replace. Katy reported that the dinner had a good turnout but we had more paying guests when this event was held during the holiday season. It was MSP (Lydia, Kathryn) that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Roger stated that we should file tax forms as a non-profit even though we have not yet heard from the Feds.

Education Report – Kaye Hammerman: B.J. took an evaluation of the book in class at the last session. The results were 15 good, 1 fair and 1 poor. There were some absentees. Only one book was returned. B.J. is also evaluating another book that is a bit cheaper. Pricing was discussed and it was proposed that since we are not in the book business that books should be sold at cost or even a bit less. Roger said that we should go ahead as time was short.

Dick Abrahams gave the "Tiger Team" report. The "Tiger Team" is a committee that was appointed by Barbara Bradley to review our education program. The Team believed that the current Basic Course covers more material than most of our students are able to absorb in a 5 week period. To remedy this, they designed a test course reordering the subject matter as a series of clearly defined goals. Each session would spend approximately 50% of class time devoted to hands on exercises. A student evaluation at the end of the course was designed to provide an estimate of its effectiveness. There was considerable discussion following the report. The new Education Chairman disagreed with the committee's conclusions and requested that the work of the committee be discontinued. The President pointed out that course content was not a Board matter but rather a concern of the education committee.

SIGs Report – Katy Link: The SIGs are doing well. The programs are lined up through May and into June. Kaye was thanked for covering for Katy while she was out.

Workshop Report – Norm Salzberg: We have two new supervisors but there are still some openings, particularly on Monday mornings. Kal Tobe, a former supervisor, just passed away. System 28 has now been restored so all 32 systems are up and running. We need some trackballs for those who are unable to use a mouse. There were some complaints on our Web Page being used as the Home Page on Internet Explorer because some users did not know how to obtain and use the address box.. There is still a problem with unlocked doors, particularly of the LC. Roger said that the Recreation Dept. should be notified of these instances.

Membership Report – Robin Nahas: As of this afternoon, the membership was 1420 which is down from last year. Greta sent out renewal notices in January and again in March. Robin should talk to Greta about a cut-off date.

Programs- Roger Turner: In April Anne Clark will be presenting a program on EBay. She has obtained some books from Amazon to use as attendance prizes. She will answer questions on both buying and selling and will provide information on "middlemen". The May program will be by Cynthia Hunter on Printer Tips. Marvin Green will provide a video camera. In June Matt Berg will return with a program on Microsoft "Word".

Publicity – Kaye Hammerman: Roger said that we will look for a new PR Chairperson. Kaye reported that we are getting good coverage from the LWNews and the Channel 6 interviews. Flyers are also available at Clubhouse 3.

Leisure Bytes – Marge Amstadter: The deadline is Monday, April 11th.