

MacWest Board Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2010

Present: Yvonne Stone, Ed Pisacich, Carole Williams, Ray Hicks, Frank Krezel, Frank Treibel, Wally Bock, Bob Byrnes, and Judy Van Sickle

The meeting was called to order by Chair Yvonne Stone at 11:34 a.m.

Wally Bock moved that the meeting minutes of the April Board Meeting be approved. The motion was properly seconded and passed by the board members.

Reports:

Wally Bock reported that Friday presentations are in place for May, September, and October. For June, July, and August, the club will have Friday meetings only. The meetings will be combination of Q and A and short presentations. The Program Committee will hold a brainstorming session in December, conducted by committee member Jerry Monson who has experience in this process. The purpose of this session is to generate new ideas for future Friday presentations.

Bob Byrnes stated that if there were no questions about the last Treasurer's Report, it be filed. He had no Treasurer's Report for April because he had not received the statement at the time of the meeting.

Education Chair Jean Christiansen reported that no new classes have been scheduled. Classes will resume in the Fall.

In Bernardine Ginsberg's absence, Yvonne announced that the deadline for the September issue of *Mac Message* is August 20, 2010.

Systems Administrator Ed Pisacich reported that the teaching iMac is now working and feels that we should continue to use it as is. Ed noted the new microphones in the Palo Verde Room and reported that the cost was \$300.00. The projector will be fixed by the Fall.

In Linda Victor's absence, Yvonne reported for Linda that the Rec Centers articles will continue over the summer. Linda can be reached by email with requests for publicity. She also reports that 4,140 phones have been collected for Cell Phones for Soldiers which equates to 414,000 phone calling minutes for our troops overseas.

Judy Archer reiterated the need for monitors and noted the sharp decline in sign-ups.

Nancy Pines suggested that people were put off by the spam-blocking words in the process. Other reasons were discussed, but no solution to the problem was developed.

Social Chair Nancy Pines reported that the contract for the January party at Briarwood has been signed. Joe Gallo has agreed to entertain us starting at 5:00 p.m. Helen Naleid convinced Briarwood to provide a vegetarian selection for those who prefer it. She discussed plans for the Ice Cream Social which will be held July 2, 2010, in the Palo Verde Room at 1:00. The Fall picnic is scheduled for October 12, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Ramadas 8 and 9 at Beardsley Park.

Judy Van Sickle reported that nothing is new in the MascWest Library.

Carole Williams reported that all is well with the website, thanks to Melanie Schoenfeld.

Frank Krezel told the members that he is working on a collection of club pictures taken during the year, January through December, to be posted as a 20th anniversary-year show on our website.

Ray Hicks reported that the nomination committee has completed its task of setting a slate of nominees for the 2010-11 board election. Upon a request from treasurer Bob Byrnes, Ray moved that a request for \$3,000.00 be taken to the general membership to cover expenses which might be incurred during the Summer months while the Board is in hiatus. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the board members.

Old Business

Computers West had requested a \$2.00 increase in the portion of dues going to it. After much discussion by the board of Computers West, it was decided to leave the dues structure as it is. If funds are needed by Computers West, the board will look to the Mac and PC users' groups for assistance.

The use of laptops during MacsWest meetings had been discussed at last month's meeting. Upon consideration, the board members agreed that laptop use during Q and A is appropriate and useful, but that laptop use during presentations and programs is a distraction and will ask members not to have their laptops open during the Friday programs.

New Business

Painting of the walls in the clubs' facilities was brought up. It was suggested that murals be painted on the walls. Anne Breza has volunteered for this project and will get together

with both Mac and PC clubs for ideas. Any painting needs the approval of the Computers West board and the Recreation Centers.

Due to the May 11, 2010, Computers West meeting, Wally Bock moved that our Q and A session be cancelled on that date. The motion was seconded and passed by the board members.

Announcements:

Room C must be cleaned above floor level. Thanks to Win Hafer for the fine job she does.

Computers West called a Special General Meeting on Tuesday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m. for approval of amendments to the bylaws.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting of MacsWest is September 28, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. with Q and A at 1:00 p.m. The general meeting will be held on October 1, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. refreshments and 1:00 program.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Judy Van Sickle
Secretary