

Newark Senior Center Computer Club
Senior Surfers
Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2016

The president, Helen Browne, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

All board members were present except Ann Matt.

Other members present: Doug Gibney, Toni Visich, Dan Sclafani, Phyllis Edwards, Jim Kniskern, Linda Hughes, Barbara Ward, and Carol Tasca. A copy of the attendance sheet is attached.

The minutes were read. On a motion by Ned, seconded by Ed, and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was read. Balance is \$2088.18. The grant money remains the same. We need ideas where this might be used. Ned moved, Elaine seconded, and the report was approved. A copy of the report is attached.

Discussion Topics:

Proposed changes to bylaws: A copy of the proposal is attached.

1. Expand the nomination committee from three to more as they have handled both the election and nominations. There is no election committee defined in the bylaws. The main purpose of the nominating committee is to get the nominations, to approach people about running, and preparing a slate of candidates. It was voted on and decided committee should remain at three people. It is further proposed that there be an ad hoc election committee.
2. Put a provision in the bylaws for outgoing officers to have a place on the board for the following year. Since board meetings are open to all members, there is no need to add this to the bylaws.
3. Expand the number of board members. It was proposed that we add three additional directors to the board. This was voted on and approved. For the current year we will elect a total of five directors so that three will be up for reelection each year instead of two. Details of how this will be done will worked out.
4. At this time the term of officers will not change.

Bob's wish list for help with lab issues: Bob has expanded his list and we will discuss at the next board meeting. Becky offered to do the ancestry.com link.

Committee Reports:

Program & Education: Calendars for February, March, and April were distributed. Next week there will be an orientation in the lab for those who are new or want to learn what equipment is available. There will also be a short topic in the afternoon about Windows accessories – WordPad, notepad, the calculator, and snipping tool. On February 18 there will be a presentation using a Skype-type program on the future of computers. On February 25 there will be a class on One Drive with Office. On March 3 there will be a presentation on tips from the Delaware legislature. In March, there were also be classes on social media with Jodi, introduction to Google by Elaine, and Windows 10 part II with Bob. There will be presentations on living on a fixed income and cloud storage as well as a short topic on photos. In April, the short topic on Android will be moved to April 21.

The plans are to have one beginner's level class each month.

Membership: We currently have 363 members. We will continue to handle the membership in the same way we have been. We have identified two people who are interested in being Barb's backup.

Laboratory Operations: There will be a mandatory meeting for all lab updaters on Wednesday, February 10. Linda is writing procedures for the updates. The three video clip devices we have are not working on Windows 10. No decision has been made about which DVD writer to use in the lab.

Website: There is no printed report this month, but the statistics were similar to last month. Elaine distributed copies of a proposed privacy policy to review and to decide on next month. A copy is attached. Elaine was unable to find out what Weebly's privacy policy is. Furthermore, all bulk emails should have a disclaimer.

Mac Users Group: No meeting

Genealogy Users Group: We are focusing on breaking down brick walls. Phyllis will, again, be teaching her writing class.

NSC board meeting: Betty did not attend because of icy conditions. Helen is scheduled to attend February 23.

Wed-Open Lab activity: Everything is going fine with the Wednesday lab.

Volunteer 50+: The recognition luncheon will be held May 25. It will now be held in the hall at Pencader Plaza on Rt. 896. Volunteer 50+ now has a new director. As always, remember to turn in your hours.

Nominations committee: No report.

Old Business:

Social: The social will be June 16.

Tuesday Open Lab: Doug Gibney has agreed to monitor the Tuesday lab.

Barbara Ward asked if it was okay for the representative from Verizon to distribute coupons. It will be okay to have them available.

New Business:

50-50 issue at meetings: The fact that the majority of people who win donate their winnings back to the club and it is announced causes winners to feel that they must donate it. In the future, it will no longer be announced. This way, winners won't feel uncomfortable not donating back to the club.

Disclaimer for webpage: This was covered under the website report.

Barb moved, Bob seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Bennett, Secretary