

LVPCUG

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes –16 August 2011



St. Thomas Church

Fellowship Hall

5317 Smoke Ranch Road

Las Vegas, NV 89108

Meeting Called to Order 13:58

In Attendance: Wendy Jaroslowski, Harold Rozinski, Judy Ruf, Joyce Shore, Larry Burgher, Leland Beel, Linda Digiovanni, Charles Finnilla, Robert Lynch & several non-Board members of LVPCUG.

Secretary Report: Motion to accept the May 2011 Board minutes by Judy, seconded By Joyce. Motion carried by all.

Treasurer Report: Total income YTD from 5-1-2011 to 8-13-2011 is \$163.48; total expenses \$577.02 for an overall total of -\$413.54. Joyce also provided a two-year banking summary report from 5-1-2009 to 8-15-2011 that showed a total income of \$4396.30 with total expenses of \$6,188.76 and an overall total of -\$1,792.46. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Robert, seconded by Harold. Motion carried by all.

APCUG Report: Wendy reported APCUG will have elections in November. They are looking for services and programs to offer the APCUG members. They also are looking for people to volunteer to be on their election committee. Motion to accept the APCUG Report by Judy, seconded by Joyce.

Membership Report: Judy's Membership Report shows a net gain of 3 members. This report reflects March, April and May renewals. Leland who submitted his check at the last board meeting, three collected at the June meeting and one received in the mail in June postmarked before the June 25th letter of dissolution was mailed to members. Two June renewals did not respond although given the opportunity. There are now 49 members including the BOD. Two members up for renewal on the coming September list were only members because they attended Howard's digital SIG. Therefore following our predicted monthly member loss curve the membership might be at somewhere around

45 to 47. Motion to accept the Membership Report by Leland, seconded by Robert, motion carried by all.

SIG Coordinator: Of the 4 SIGs left the number of attendees seem to be up. Wendy requested that Linda fax her attendance lists from each SIG so the BOD can review them. Joyce requested Linda also supply a sign in sheet for each of the SIGs. A motion to accept the SIG Coordinator's Report by Judy, seconded by Robert. Motion carried by all.

NOTE: A few people that were not members in good standing with LVPCUG were requested to leave the BOD meeting. At one point a non-member would not leave, therefore according to the rules Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Harold, motion carried with one abstention. A few members did not respect the rules for the meeting, would not wait until the Open Forum to speak and spoke out of turn pleading with the board to continue the Club. After the non-member left the meeting reconvened.

Program Report: Charles reported he might have a tentative speaker he could call up for the September meeting. Linda said she had a room for the General Meeting on September 15th at the Enterprise Library. Wendy had a speaker for the September 7th meeting, not sure of their availability on the 15th. There was a discussion on speakers, door prizes and other presenters at the meeting. Linda asked the question of why couldn't the Program Chairman take care of booking the speaker? Judy clarified this responsibility for the Program Chairman as follows: booking the speaker, schedule the room, obtain any necessary rental fee from the Treasurer, follow through with the speaker and the venue on what the speaker needs, notify the Webmaster and Newsletter Editor information about the speaker and their subject and then lastly send a thank you note to the speaker after the meeting.

Wendy called for a hand vote of the board and members that would approve a change of venue to the Enterprise Library on the 15th of September to start at 5 PM. It was approved by the majority. Motion to accept the Program Report by Leland, seconded by Linda, motion carried by all.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Leland pleaded for articles to put into the Newsletter. He has a deadline by the 25th of each month to prepare your entries for the Newsletter. Unfortunately, he only has 4 or 5 people that sometimes give him Newsletter material; sadly, he gets no feedback from anybody else. He has repeated this message at every Board Meeting, and now that he has a larger audience at this meeting, maybe other members will volunteer to help. The Editor will be looking for others to send in their articles. Gee, wouldn't it be nice to hear from the SIGs on their new and amazing programs! Members of the Board thanked Leland for the wonderful job he has done for the Club the past two years. Leland sends out a "Little Bytes" notification to all members e-mail with a link to the Newsletter on the website each month. Motion by Joyce, seconded by Linda to accept the Newsletter Report. Motion carried by all.

Webmaster Report: Larry explained his very comprehensive Web Report to the audience that informs us with who, what, when and where of the LVPCUG website. Motion by Judy to accept the Webmaster Report, seconded by Leland, motion carried

by all.

Old Business: Wendy pointed out there are several SIGs that are now defunct, digital imaging, genealogy, Linux MS Office, etc. The Club is looking for members to start new SIGs.

A necessary repeat of the May minutes.

Here is some of the reasoning behind the dissolution of Las Vegas PC Users Group. On April 21, 2009, a motion was made at a Board of Directors meeting to form a committee to survey membership for providing input on what they see as the future of LVPCUG. This committee worked tirelessly to discuss ideas, contact SIG leaders, survey members, and beg volunteers to continue the existence of the club. Less than a half dozen members came forth to volunteer to manage the business of the corporation and control its affairs. The "Future of the Club Committee" dissolved with its last report on June 29, 2010. At inception, the club membership in April 2009 was 107. Membership in May 2011 was 46. Expenses continue to explode while income declines. Volunteers are practically nonexistent. What direction does it appear that this club is headed?

These are the reasons for the May 17, 2011 decision by the current Board of Directors to dissolve this corporation. Since the needs, which led to the formation of this corporation, have largely disappeared, the committee formed to help dissolve it by resolution of the Board of Directors is abiding by the guidelines set forth by the Secretary of State of Nevada to wind up corporate affairs

A Board Minutes reminder: The Executive Board has decided to reduce the frequency of General Meetings from monthly to quarterly because of the difficulty in getting presenters, also because of low attendance and declining memberships. General Meetings have averaged about 20 members who includes 7 or 8 members of the Board. It is hard to justify the time and money it costs with this pitiful attendance. Meetings are scheduled for March 2nd, 2011, June 1st, 2011, September 7th, 2011, and December 7th, 2011. The frequency of board meetings is also reduced, so they occur in the month just prior to the general meeting.

New Business: Wendy opened the Board Meeting up to the attending members of the Club; those that have not spoken were given the opportunity to speak in this session. Linda made a motion to stop the dissolution of LVPCUG, Charles seconded it. The motion was suspended due to lack of response by the Board quorum and tabled for later consideration. Charles was admonished by the Board for his lack of performance while serving on the Board. Joyce recommended publishing the cold hard facts be posted on the Website of why the Board is considering dissolution of the Club. Judy and Larry chimed in supporting these facts; lack of volunteers, declining membership, negative cash flow, lack of attendance at General Meetings and more that all has led to increasing discouragement of the Board members. Larry himself in studying and investigating the Club's By-laws and Articles of Incorporation had determined the Club's Executive Members could legally close the Club without a vote by the general membership. Further discussion of the history of the reasoning for proceeding towards dissolution followed.

Adjournment: 16:05. The next Board meeting will tentatively be held at **14:00**, November 15th 2011 at the St. Thomas Church, Fellowship Hall, and 5317 Smoke Ranch Road, Las Vegas 89108. (Smoke Ranch, at Michael). Any Club Member in good standing is welcome to attend every BOD meeting, space permitting.

Robert Lynch --- Club Secretary

P.S. Headline of the Day --- Wall Street Journal -Front Page – Friday- August 18, 2011

"H-P Explores Quitting Computers as Profits Slide"