

COMPUTER CLUB

West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Centre Computer Club

Annual General Meeting – 17 June 2009

Maureen opened the Annual General Meeting at 1:15pm welcoming about 27 members and guests to the Audio/Visual Room at the WVSC.

Maureen reviewed club activities during the year, thanking club members who had made presentations, Carl Taylor for moderating the Question and Answer sessions, Ed Rozon who took over as webmaster and his excellent work in updating and enhancing the website. Maureen also thanked the other members of the Executive Committee as well as Molly Murray (Program Committee). Maureen noted the Club's concern over the apparent fall off in active member participation with attendance fluctuating between a high of 57, a low of 15 and an average of 37.

Financial Report

Rene circulated the financial report to June 17, and advised that the Club's balance of funds amounted to \$2690.16.

Up to last year, the Club's funds consisted of a chequing account and Term Deposit at Van City Savings, a Trust Fund with the District of West Vancouver and a Cash Account for small expenditures. Last October, at the request of the District, all of our funds, with the exception of the Cash Account, were consolidated with the Trust Fund. Larger expenses, such as for Cafeteria catering, are charged directly to the Trust. Requests for reimbursement from that fund for outside expenses must be submitted through the Seniors' Centre. Quarterly reports of transactions in the Trust Fund are issued by the WVSC. This results in a delay in our accounting. For this reason the June 17th statement is not a final statement for the 2008/2009 club year.

An updated statement will be presented at the opening meeting in September. It will of course be available on request prior to that date.

Nominations for the 2009/10 Club Executive

Four members of the current executive had indicated a willingness to continue next year (Maureen/David/Ed/Rene); however, despite an active recruitment effort and e-mail requests to the Club membership no other nominations were received.

Business Arising – Future of the Computer Club

Being unable to secure sufficient nominations for the Club executive, the question of the continuation of the Club arises.

Peter outlined some of the issues around the future of the Club and invited comments and suggestions from the members.

The Club has an interesting and effective history over the last 13 years

- developed and met some important community needs
- supported and complemented the WVSC Computer Courses

Computer needs and expectations have changed.

- General level of knowledge has increased
- Gap between IT or 'techie' people and the community has narrowed at least for straightforward day to day computer use
- Computers and their operating systems have become easier to use
- Software applications have become easier to learn and understand.
- Tuition and problem solving information has become much more widely available

Perceived impacts on the Club

- Fall off in active membership
- Members are more selective in which sessions they will attend.
- Fairly wide spread in weekly meeting attendance
- Increasing challenges to find weekly speakers from inside and outside the club

Other possible factors:

- The extensive construction project on-going around the WVSC over several years has seriously dislocated convenient parking
- Increases in membership fees and drop-in costs at the Centre.

Peter suggested that while today we do not have sufficient nominations to cover the positions on the Board of Directors; however, the current members of the Board have indicated a willingness to remain on an 'ad-hoc' basis until the end of September 2009 to enable the Club to review and consider all possible options – if that is acceptable to the membership

Possible options:

- Continue the same format – assuming sufficient members are willing to serve as directors
- Change meeting format/frequency/focus etc with a revised form of executive
- Any other suggestions
- Orderly wind-up if no alternative is determined

Extensive discussion followed from the members present who indicated a strong interest in looking at all options for the Club.

The following motion: 'That the current Board continue in an 'ad-hoc' capacity until the end of Sept 2009 to provide an opportunity to consider the range of options for operation of the Club and report on recommendations at the 9th September meeting. Any member

of the Club would be welcome to participate in the considerations.’ was moved by Judy Renaud, seconded by Nigel Grant and carried unanimously.

Carl Taylor – Acknowledgment

Maureen expressed special thanks to Carl Taylor who has moderated our Q and A sessions throughout the year and on behalf of the Club presented him with a dining certificate as a token of our appreciation.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the AGM part of the meeting was adjourned at about 2:15pm.

Reception

Maureen was thanked for her hard work as President throughout the year.

Maureen thanked everyone for their contributions of goodies and drinks and invited everyone to enjoy their excellent offerings.

Bern Gayle, recovering from surgery, was not able to manage the provision of ‘libations’ as usual but Mike Millard stepped in and gave an excellent performance

Three door prizes (flash drives) were drawn for lucky winners

Peter Thompson