

## Minutes of AZACC General Business Meeting October 25, 2008

**Meeting** called to order by Sandy Hart.

**Introduction of attendees:** There were 31 in attendance representing the following clubs: ASCI, Computer Club @ Apache Wells, Computers West, EVACC, El Mirage, Happy Trails, Leisure World, Payson, Prescott, Sun City Vistoso, Sunflower, Sun Village, Tucson Computer Society, Westbrook Village.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting held March 22, 2008 were approved as published with the agenda for this meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** Balance as of 3-14-08 was \$3087.01. One deposit of dues \$50.00 and expenses of \$466.51 (\$400 for February 08 presenter fuel allowance and \$66.51 website hosting and domain name) Balance 10-17-08 \$2670.50

Notices for membership dues will be sent out towards the end of November. Make sure AZACC has the correct information on the web site.

**Presentation Report:** AZACC web site is showing programs for this season. We are still missing April for a presenter. The calendar on the site will be kept up-to-date for reference. If clubs want to opt out of the presenters be sure to let AZACC know. Lifelock is doing the tour during October. The tour discount is ½ price for life and is only good for a few weeks. Please contact a board member for the code.

George Jester, Vice President, presented a PowerPoint titled "Where have all the presenters gone?" Most do not have budgets anymore to cover the cost of the tour. AZACC may not be able to fill the schedule for next year. We may want to do a single event. We will need to do something different next season; webcast, podcast, DVD's, local presenters, pay the cost of the presenters, or find a way to reduce the cost. The presenters come for 3 weeks, travel 2,000 miles, airline tickets, hotels, meals, etc., to do the 40 presentations....it is very expensive.

Recommendations: Do 3 major events in the valley and 1 in Tucson area. Larger events and fewer of them, could be done in 1 week. A Yahoo group has been established to discuss the issue and make comments: [azaccprograms-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:azaccprograms-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Once you sign up the subscribe part is not used. Get your clubs involved in the discussion. When logging in be sure to identify yourself so we know which clubs are participating. A notice will be sent to all the clubs as well.

Discussion of Possibilities: Kathy Jacobs reported that APCUG will have live meeting available to all the clubs. Each club would have to have phone access. There could be a meeting for all the club presenters to come to for a vendor presenter to provide the information and a DVD for the club presenters to take back to the club and make the presentation. The vendor presenter would only have to attend one meeting and substantially reduce cost. For the major events a location would need to be found that could hold the larger numbers. Some of our clubs have large auditoriums and allow visitors and that would be an option. Al Hill researched Movie theater cost and had printed information for those in attendance. Each theatre presentation would be around \$1,200. About ½ of the clubs do not have high speed internet so webcast/podcast would be a problem for them. Those clubs should investigate the possibility of using wireless (3G) to access the internet. This would probably be fast enough for a webcast. Club presenters could visit other clubs and make presentations in the area close to them. Presenters can sell products during the tour; however, it usually does not offset the cost. Discount codes are important and should be available whenever possible.

**Web Site:** The site was reviewed on the screen with descriptions of each section. Feedback is necessary for the presenters each month on the web site after the session is over. Calendar with current presenters. Membership with user group information, be sure it is current. Fill out the information form (changes only) to update. Contacts has the AZACC board and committee. Minutes of the general meeting are posted there. The benefits of membership with companies offering discounts and local speakers. More is being added. If the clubs want additional information let us know. The User Group Discount list will be updated and sections created for product type. The web site is in the process of being redesigned and hope to have it completed soon.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** APCUG Regional Conference on Feb 7 – 8, 2009 at UAT. Clubs are invited to provide volunteers to help make it successful. PodCamp AZ – to be held this weekend and UAT. Social media, podcast, blogs, etc. Admission is free. Web site is [www.podcampaz.com](http://www.podcampaz.com).

Clubs should be members of APCUG. There are additional benefits to the clubs. Free websites are available to the clubs. The APCUG regional representative has to resign due to health problems. A replacement is needed.

SW Computer Conference will be held in San Diego 5/29 – 31/2009 at the Town & Country Resort. \$119 room rate. Activity Thurs evening before. \$60.00 registration includes Friday evening meal and vendor prizes.

**Announcements:** Pinnacle Systems webinars are available on demand.

A B Hoffman., Corel Corp. Paint Shop Pro is sponsoring a photo contest. Email to be sent to the clubs describing.

CD's are available today for trial versions of Word Perfect and Paint Shop Pro.

Drawing for prizes and dismissed.

Bob Nixon, Secretary