

Carl Bulger presided.

BUSINESS:

Article V (B) of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws states:

"The first meeting in October of each year shall be designated the Annual Meeting. Officers of the Club shall be elected during the Annual Meeting."

Accordingly, President Carl Bulger opened the floor to nominations. Hearing none, he moved that the existing slate of officers be approved for another year:

President: Carl Bulger

Vice-President and Program Chairman: Dan Lee

Secretary: Barry Hammond

Treasurer: Ken Godstrey

Membership Chairman: Dennis Edgington

Publicity: Vic Kiviat

Webmaster: Dick Henthorn

To help out our Program Chairman Dan Lee, Carl suggested that he assign a meeting to each member to prepare a presentation on a topic they are interested in, have studied, and think the other members would be interested in. Bob Blum and Eric Hein have done that on numerous occasions and both have suggestions of possible topics. Eric proposed that someone delve into the arcane details of Microsoft file ownership and privileges. Bob suggested a long list of possible topics at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. I've re-copied them at the end of these minutes.

In the absence of Sam Duff, who has served as librarian, Carl Bulger volunteered to help.

(After the meeting, Bob Blum found the repository of the library in the Computer Lab closet. After throwing away outdated literature, one binder remained.) If we receive contributions of

Submitted by Barry Hammond

up-to-date and helpful literature we can request a space for them in the Senior Center Library where they will be more accessible.

Carl said that he is working to get a friend to talk about his job in the field of Computer Security for Crime Prevention, Investigation, and Prosecution.

On Page 66 of the October issue of Smart Computing Magazine is a Reader's Tip from Vic Kiviat regarding Internet Explorer 9 Security:

"The newest version of Internet Explorer (IE9) includes features that are designed to better protect you from malware attacks. Reader Vic Kiviat described several of IE9's new security features. First off, the Application Reputation System, which provides pop-up information about file downloads, helps to provide a warning when dealing with downloadable content. Microsoft's reputation database will show you red warnings if the download is known to offer malicious content. Another helpful feature is Tracking Protection, which is designed to block the third-party tracking of your PC from Web sites. Visit [tinyurl.com/3cgvejv](http://tinyurl.com/3cgvejv) to find a Tracking Protection List from one of the Microsoft supported providers." Victor K., Bowie, MD

Bob Blum and Eric Hein inventoried the old Windows XP computers in the Computer Lab. They are 5 to 7 years old Dell Optiplex 260's with two hard drives (only one is usable). They have Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) monitors and two software licenses: Windows XP and Microsoft Office 2000. Microsoft no longer supports Office 2000. The computers are not capable of being upgraded to Windows 7 or Vista operating systems. Bob said that equivalent desktop computers go for about \$50 on EBay. Two or three members said they would be interested in purchasing one at that price. Eric would like to substitute one for one of the Public Use computers in the front hallway of the Senior Center.

The City purchased these computers and their software, so the City's IT Department will have to approve of how we dispose of them.

Ezio Cerrelli mentioned that one of the Club's early Presidents and a longtime Computer Instructor, Dr. Norman Bohrer and his wife are moving to San Francisco on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Norm also contributed many presentations to Club Meetings. We will miss him.

#### COMPUTER PROBLEMS:

Earl Webb wanted to know how he can get pictures to show up in e-mail messages he receives from one of his friends. These e-mails have no attachments, but the messages have placeholders for each of the pictures in the body of the e-mail. Carl suggested that he ask his friend to send them as attachments. The pictures appear in the body of the e-mail before it is sent because those pictures exist on his friend's computer. But, unless there are accessible links to the same pictures in the body of the e-mail, they will not show up in Earl's e-mail. If they are attached to the e-mail, then Earl will be able to see them.

Marcia Richard is giving an old desktop computer to her son. She wants to know how she can get rid a virus beforehand. Also, how does she erase her personal data and information from the hard drive without making the hard drive unusable.

Bob Blum recommended scanning with SuperAntiSpywre (the free version) and MalwareBytesAntimalware (free version) to get rid of the virus. Also, Microsoft's security updates on the second Tuesday of each month include an updated Malicious Software Removal Tool. Carl Bulger mentioned that the version of Kaspersky Antivirus on his computer will conflict with some of these, so he turns off Kaspersky while he scans with one of the others. Many other antivirus applications do not interfere, but be aware of the possibility.

If the scanners are unsuccessful at removing the virus, Marcia may have to reformat the hard drive and reinstall the original operating system (which she has on a disc), install an antivirus program and a browser offline from disks or flash drives, then go online to [www.update.microsoft.com](http://www.update.microsoft.com) to get the latest security updates. The security updates are not downloaded all at one time. She will need to go to that website repeatedly until they are all downloaded. This whole process will take a day or two, but she won't have to worry about her personal information remaining on the hard disk.

If she doesn't have to reformat and reinstall, she can use one of the many utilities that overwrite her personal information and data with random 1's and 0's such as File Shredder.

Ezio Cerrelli says his friend's Logitech wireless mouse stopped working. It receives its signal from a small receiver-transmitter (sometimes called a "dongle") plugged into an USB port. A new member sitting next to Ezio suggested that the driver or address had been corrupted. Each dongle is programmed to operate a particular mouse. He suggested going to Logitech.com and downloading a software utility designed to correct the problem.

**Bowie Seniors Computer Club****Topics for Presentations by Members**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Approx Date</b>
<b>Google beyond the search engine</b> <b>(An overview of Google's features and products)</b>		
<b>Google Earth</b>		
<b>Online free office suites</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Google Docs</b></li><li>• <b>Microsoft Office Web Apps</b></li><li>• <b>Zoho Office</b></li></ul>		
<b>Online file sharing and storage services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dropbox</b></li><li>• <b>Skydrive</b></li></ul>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Etc.</li></ul>		
<b>Comparison of Internet browsers</b>  Internet Explorer    Google Chrome    Opera  Mozilla Firefox    Safari		
<b>PC problem solving</b>  (Compilation from <i>PC World</i> issue of March 2011 and other periodicals)		
<b>Cloud computing</b>		
<b>Web Cams</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to select</li><li>• How to use (Skype)</li></ul>		

Topic	Member	Approx Date
<b>WireShark</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look in on non-encrypted WiFi connections</li><li>• Ethernet packet analyzer</li></ul>		
<b>Image Editors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Image Editing 101</li><li>• Comparison of freeware editors (<a href="#">use as a template</a>)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Picasa</li><li>○ XnView</li><li>○ <a href="#">Stoik Imagic</a> (Samsung)</li><li>○ <a href="#">Kodak EasyShare</a></li></ul></li></ul>		
<b>Audio Editors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Audio Editing 101</li><li>• Comparison of freeware editors<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ GoldWave</li><li>○ Audacity</li></ul></li></ul>		

<b>Firewalls</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Just what do they do (how they're different from anti-malware)</li><li>• When are the defaults not right?</li><li>• How to configure</li></ul>		
<b>iTunes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• manage music inventories &amp; play music</li><li>• Podcasts (RSS feeds)</li><li>• Web radio</li><li>• Burn CDs</li><li>• iTunes U</li><li>• iBooks</li></ul>		
<b>PDF file creators</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Performance comparisons<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ PDF ReDirect</li><li>○ CutePDF Writer</li><li>○ PDF995</li></ul></li><li>• An example of a PDF editor (not freeware) [Acrobat, PDF Converter Pro, ...]</li></ul>		
<b>Remote Desktops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When they're useful</li></ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Comparisons</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Teamviewer</b></li><li>○ <b>VNC</b></li></ul></li></ul>		
<b>File Shredders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>File Shredder</b></li><li>• <a href="#">Eraser</a></li></ul>		
<b>Comparison of freeware applications for specific functions</b>		
<b>Password management software</b>		



