



SCHHCC STAFF/BOARD MEETING
February 25, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., Hidden Cypress

In attendance: Dennis Shea, Joanne Connell, Jim Bowden, John Meeker, Brian Osgood, Tom Lovelidge, Mark Davis, Susan Dobbs, Sherry Conrad.

President's Remarks: Sherry Conrad

Welcome to this afternoon's meeting. Thank you for taking time from your schedule to come.

Secretary's Report: Kathleen Baine

Tom Lovelidge moved that we approve the minutes of January 28, 2025. The motion was seconded by Brian Osgood. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Lovelidge

(published at the end of these minutes)

Social Committee: The Volunteer Appreciation Party will be on Saturday, April 26, 2025, in Pinckney Hall. Diane McKinnery

SIG Reports

Apple: Noah Rosenstein/Toni Valenstein/Leslie Foster

Our March SIG meeting will discuss System Settings and some hidden features in the new Mac OS. Our SIG membership continues to grow. Our ISLC list is up to 1870. Help has been busy. A few more volunteers would make the load easier to handle.

Genealogy: Jim Bowden/Susan Dobbs

The next Genealogy SIG meeting is on Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m., in the Hidden Cypress Clubhouse. Jan Alpert will speak on finding cousin matches with your DNA. Help Sessions will continue on February 26th, and March 12th and 26th.

Computer Club Hour: Bill Altman

The next CCH will be on February 28 at 10:00 a.m. (**MAGNOLIA HALL**) - Tips and Tricks for Android and iPhones by Roger Michaelson and Toni Valenstein. The remaining presentations are:

Mar 14	Pinckney Hall	AI for Everyday Life	Ron Snyder
Mar 28	Pinckney Hall	Automobile Navigation Systems	Roger
Apr 11	Magnolia Hall	SunCity TV	Georgia Lash
Apr 25	Pinckney Hall	Google Script	Tom Dodrill
May 9	Pinckney Hall	Travel Apps	Chris Knotts

Facebook: [SCHH Computers, Tablets, and Smart Phones](#)

Microsoft: Dennis Shea/Maureen Kilcoyne

I think the Club could benefit from a **NAS** (Network Accessible Storage) (if they don't already have one). Here's some uses that come to mind:

- **Help:** Resources for Helpers to give to clientele with common issues:
 - o Documentation (How to run a Free Malwarebytes scan).
 - o Ability to send a link to another SIG's stored documentation

(Password changes, recent video upload, etc.)

- **SIGs:** Partitions for each SIG to store and reference content (SIG recordings, documents, etc) - similar to our Master Index (Computer Manufacturers and MS Partners, Digital Scanning documentation, etc).
- **Training:** Storage of the Club's recorded videos to send to paying students (those who missed class, for example)

Skywatchers: Jerry Jeffrey

Standing Committee Reports

Education: Mark Davis

This month we are offering a total of 19 classes. In March we currently have 17 classes being offered.

Facilities: Brian Osgood

Noah has ordered six new Mac Minis to finish bringing the Macs in the classroom up to systems that will support the current Apple software.

Four of the Windows 10 PCs in the Open Room have been upgraded to Windows 11. We have one additional system that failed the upgrade, but it is one that may be replaced this year.

The Chromebook that was in Open Room seat 3-4 was moved to the display case to replace the past end-of-life (EOL) Chromebook that has been there. The PC in seat 3-1 was moved to seat 3-4. A new Dell (I-7 based) was deployed to seat 3-1. The PCs in seats 1-1 and 2-1 have been taken out of service and replaced with 2 Dell PCs (I-9, Gen 13 based, 32GB of memory, AMD graphics card). OR1-1 has the Adobe Elements suite on it, now only available by subscription. OR2-1 and OR3-1 have Cyberlink AI-based editing suites on them (one purchased, one came with the system).

Dennis reported the VHS-to-DVD deck had failed. Lon Seward offered to donate one he had in storage. The DVD drive on that one had failed. The TV

is also in rough shape without any working controls. A renewed VHS-to-DVD deck has been ordered from Amazon. I'm going to look for a replacement TV.

Membership: Stu Mace

On January 20, 2025, 847 individuals who had yet to renew their memberships for 2025 were removed from the membership list. Since that date, 174 individuals have renewed their memberships or joined for the first time. Currently, there are 3,073 members of the Computer Club.

SIG membership is as follows:

Apple - 1,664

Microsoft - 1,249

Genealogy - 622

Sky Watchers - 361

(SIG membership numbers indicate a member's interests at the time they joined the club or renewed their membership. It does not account for members who join a SIG later in the membership year.)

Monitors: Bertha Fudgen

There is nothing new to report with monitors. We are getting adequate coverage. Some weeks are better than others.

General Membership Meeting Programs: Bill Altman

The last scheduled presenter for the Spring is MSgt Danny Allen talking about Scams - Toni Velenstein is coordinating.

Publicity/Communication: Bonnie Potter/Mark Davis

As always, Bonnie has been instrumental in creating new graphics for the New Website, the Apple SIG announcements, and email announcements.

Website Review/Revise Report: Mark Davis

On Thursday, Bud, Brian, and I presented information on the new website. I did an overview of the New Website. The feedback we have received is very positive. We received two suggestions that Bud and the team are implementing. We are currently in the process of training Blog users. It is

becoming evident that we may not release the New Website until mid-March. Here is a short demo of the New Website.

Walk-in Help Program: Tom Lovelidge

Two New Helpers signed up. Mark Pederson and Carl Scheitrum. Flying Squad (helpers who are willing to fill in on short notice) has done a good job filling vacancies.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report Details as of 2/25/2025

2025 Treasurer's Report

We opened the month of February with \$40,788. Receipts so far for the month of February were \$278 in open room cash sales. We had a gift card expense of \$100 for the period. Facility expenses amounted to \$4,273 of which \$3653 was for equipment purchases; \$620 was spent on printing supplies and software subscriptions; and \$100 was an honorarium for the genealogy SIG. Our ending cash balance for the period was \$36,593.

Tom requested documentation of the charge (e.g., credit card receipt) when the form for reimbursement is turned in to him.

Tom also reviewed the honorarium policy. An honorarium may be given by the Club/SIG; however, if payment is requested by the presenter, other forms, including a 1099, must be done.

Old Business

Sherry: The email promoting the SIGs, classes and help was sent to the membership in early February. Several positive comments about its usefulness were received after it was sent.

New Business

Following Mark's Education Committee report at our January meeting, there

was a discussion about how long recordings of classes and meetings should be posted on blogs or archived. Sometimes the speaker/presenter determines how long the recording can be made available. When this doesn't happen, the board needs to make a decision about this. Where are they stored? Criteria for sharing them?

So far no class recordings have been deleted and are approaching two years old. Sometimes there are quite a few changes within 6 months. Currently the thought is that they would be kept for 2 years. Stored on You-Tube. Could be posted to blogs for ease in finding it. Web is world-wide v. classes are private. When there is copyrighted information in the presentation, it may not be able to be posted. Bring up for vote next month. Need to vote on how long to keep class recordings. Instructors want to send it to students who missed classes or students who were in class. Meetings are posted on blogs. Classes are on a private channel; only people who have a link can find it.

Jim Bowden stated that the Money Talks club is having trouble getting leaders. Four of their five officers plan to retire at the end of 2025 and they are having trouble persuading others to take on this responsibility. One idea their board is considering is to become a SIG of another club to reduce the number of leaders needed. They have about 250 members, 11 meetings a year, and about \$3,000 in their account. Their dues are \$10 for an individual and \$15 per household. The club doesn't pay speakers but does give them a token of appreciation at a cost of about \$40 per speaker. After discussion, the Computer Club staff is willing to continue the discussion with the Money Talks Club. Jim will continue talking to the Money Talks board as they explore their options further.

Meeting Dates for 2025: Sherry

- General membership meetings will be in Pinckney Hall on 3/20, 9/18, 10/16, and 11/20. The mini club fairs will be at 2:15 and the meetings at 2:30.
- Staff meetings reservations are for 1:00 in the Coosaw River Room in Hidden Cypress on 3/25, 4/22, 5/27, 6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23, 10/28, and 12/2. The room is available to us at 12:30. We'll decide whether

we meet in June and July when the time is closer.

Our next Board meeting is on March 25, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hidden Cypress location.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brian Osgood and second by John Meeker. Approved by all.

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Baine
Secretary