



Arizona Alliance of Computer Clubs  
March 22, 2008, 9:30 am  
General Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Hart at 9:30 am in the theater at the University of Advancing Technology. We went around the room and everyone introduced themselves and their club office. There were 29 representatives of the following 18 Clubs.

ASCIi	Happy Trails
Computer Booters	Mesa Regal
Computer Club at Apache Wells	Phoenix PCUG
Computers West	Prescott
Dreamland	Rockcomp
El Mirage	Sun Village
EVACC	Sunland Village East
Four Parks Senior	Verde Valley
Hacienda de Valencia	Westbrook Village

**AZacc Status:** Sandy reported that our membership is stable with 40 clubs. The Board of Directors has an immediate opening for a Secretary. Please go back to your clubs and ask if there is anyone willing to fill this position. The Secretary is responsible for minutes at 3 Board Meetings and 3 Business Meetings (Oct, Jan, Mar). The Secretary is also responsible for communicating with UAT and scheduling our Business Meetings.

**Meeting Minutes:** January 26, 2008 - The minutes were attached to the agenda email. It was moved by Ed Zarr and seconded by Mike Wright that the minutes be approved as published. Motion Carried. The minutes are available on the [www.azacc.org](http://www.azacc.org) website under Business Meetings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dolores reported a beginning balance of \$3087.01 with expenses of \$400 (Kathy Jacobs, fuel) and income of \$50 which is dues from the last two clubs, leaving a current balance of \$2737.01. The treasurer's report was accepted and is placed in the minutes and on file.

**Attendance Report:** Patricia handed out copies of the spreadsheet that she keeps based on Feedback submission. This is used to give your board and our presenter information on how many people to expect at each club. The other part of the Feedback is your comments on whether the speaker was on time, dressed appropriately, did they do a good job, was there interaction with the audience, did they run overtime, etc.. The page is attached at the end of these minutes. You can see how many red NR spots there are. That means the club had an AZacc speaker but they didn't turn in feedback. A 0 means that there was not an AZacc speaker scheduled that month. There are some clubs that have not turned in Feedback all year and your Board worked hard on the wording of a motion to make this mandatory. That discussion will be handled under new business.

**Presentation Report 2007-08 Season:** George went over the April calendar and explained how we sent requests to the local presenters because we didn't have a single presenter to do the full tour for April. We have one club that we still have not found a speaker and that is Green Valley. There are several other clubs that are doing an in house speaker. CC at Apache Wells was the club in the east valley that we couldn't match up time slots with a local speaker. Next season: We have tentative arrangements made with Tech

Smith for November, Smart Computing for January and Dave Whittle for February. We would also like to invite LifeLock back this year. Kathy Jacobs suggested that there are students and faculty at UAT that have to meet standards for public speaking and they may be available for our tour. Gene Barlow has indicated he would prefer to do a webcast and Al Hill will follow up on that presentation. We will need to know your internet speed and will send out information on how to test.

**Website Review:** Jim reported that the website will eventually be converted to Expression Web, the new Microsoft product. The revision is basically to make it easier to maintain, rather than to change anything.

**Local Presenters List:** Dianne reported that she will be working on the list over the summer and to look for some new local presenters for the fall.

**User Group Discounts List:** Mike reported that he has gone through the discounts. Some of them are hard to verify but he is working on it. This is an ongoing process to keep things updated.

#### **Old Business:**

The Southwest Computer Conference - May 30, 31 and June 1. Patricia handed out packets of information for the conference and told us about all the things that will be happening. The website is [www.theswcc.org](http://www.theswcc.org). The deadline for early bird registration of \$60 is May 1 and the special hotel rate of \$119 for the conference ends 5/1/08. After that date you will pay the rack rate.

Verde Valley Computer Club is promoting their in house presentation on Backing up Your Computer with the Chamber of Commerce and we received a flyer today along with an offer of a copy of the powerpoint presentation on CD. If your club is interested in a copy of this presentation, contact Ned Pritchard ([npritchard@commspeed.net](mailto:npritchard@commspeed.net)).

We discussed other PowerPoint presentations and Sandy mentioned the disk full of meeting ideas from a workshop at APCUG. She will request permission to copy it or make the files available online. (3/24 - a new disk will be available soon and will be dispersed to clubs)

#### **New Business:**

**Feedback and Attendance Motion:** Sandy read the motion the board created and passed. **Effective October 1, 2008, each club will be required to submit an evaluation and attendance feedback report for 2 out of the 3 previous months of scheduled speakers. Feedback is due by the end of the month the presentation is given. Failure to submit feedback in a timely manner will result in removal from the presentation calendar with a monetary penalty of \$15 for reinstatement. During the removal period the clubs allotted time slot for presentations may be taken by another Club. This will be an ongoing requirement during the 7 month season depending on when your club has speakers scheduled. For clubs that decline to submit feedback during the season, membership renewal will not be an option.**

**Example:** Your club has speakers Nov, Dec and Jan. If you miss sending feedback in Nov and remember to do it in Dec but forget again in January, your club will be withdrawn from the calendar for February and you will have to submit a \$15 fee to be reinstated. This is sliding so if you have speakers Dec, Jan and Feb, the same rule applies. You missed January, and if there is no feedback turned in as of the end of February, your club would also be withdrawn for March.

The motion as presented (read) was moved by Kathy Jacobs and seconded. Much discussion followed. This is something your board has been trying to accomplish with reminders but reminders and requests just aren't working. We ask that you publicize the presentation, be hospitable and helpful when the speaker visits your club and send us a report. We only ask you for information that we need to help us give the

speaker correct information and to help us choose wisely in inviting back the best of the speakers. We need your feedback, positive and negative. We need to know if the presenter was good or bad.

**The motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

We discussed feedback from several points of view. One of the suggestions is that we ask our vendors to give us feedback on our clubs. We are also considering putting the attendance spreadsheet on the website rather than trying to give vendors an average number for attendance. Another suggestion was that Sandy broadcast the comments to the clubs in the same format as the vendor receives in their thank you letter.

Announcements from the floor: We discussed how raffle prizes are handled.

Sandy announced that the VLC Video player ([www.videolan.org](http://www.videolan.org)) is free and was suggested by Dave Whittle for use with Muvee.

Al Hill suggested looking into the Verizon high speed USB antenna or card for laptops for those clubs that are out in the country but have cell services. It runs about \$60/month but would likely be fast enough to do webcasts.

Drawing: We had 4 t-shirts and several little items that came from CES. Sandy provided Family History on DVD books, both PC and MAC, for those clubs present. If you took one home, please don't put it on a shelf; find someone to make use of it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am and several people went to the Arizona Mills Food Court for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandy Hart, President