

# QCMUG MINUTES

June 19, 2007

Norm Kelinson Room - Bettendorf Public Library

## **Business Meeting:**

### Attendance:

There were 16 members and 6 guests present. (A good crowd!) Members present: Dean Arney, Sue Berger, Tom Brooks, Robert Custer, Brian Dobbins, Jim Hall, Wilma Hauser, Jim Holifield, Phyllis James, Kevin Ketelsen, Don Patridge, Duke Roth, Don Schaefer, John Schenk, Kathy Schroeder, Faye Waterman.

### Old Business:

President Don Patridge called the meeting to order at 6:35. He announced that due to a scheduling conflict, the program on Disk burning for tonight will be presented by Brandon in July. Treasurer Dean Arney reported that after the purchase of a new club computer (\$1515.15) and room rent for the upcoming year (\$50), there remained a balance of \$492.97 in the treasury. Dean mentioned we would not be able to use the meeting room in August. The library will be closed August 20-31 for the installation of new carpeting. An alternative meeting site will need to be found and posted on the QCMUG website.

The President distributed a different possible design for the club business card. After a brief discussion, the membership chose to go with the original design, which will be ordered by the president.

President Patridge stated that Dean Arney would be getting information on CommSpeed, a high-speed Internet provider that is new to our area and will share it at the next meeting. There will also be some information coming soon from Internet Revealed about Solo Connect.

### New Business:

The membership discussed how to deal with the auction of the old club computer. It was decided that a minimum bid of \$150 dollars would be set. The bidding will be for paid-up members and those who wish to bid will send in bids via e-mail or letter to the treasurer, Dean Arney. The laptop will have the HD wiped and operating system reinstalled. Bidding will end at the conclusion of the August meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the bids be taken through the end of the August meeting.

A suggestion was made to create a list of members who would be willing to help others. This would indicate the software with which the member has expertise. The list serve is able to handle most questions, but there are times when people need face-to-face help. A paper was circulated among the membership and people who were willing to help added their names to the list. It will be available at the next meeting.

## **Program for June**

Don Patridge demonstrated two software (donationware) programs: MagiCal and Dates to iCal.

MagiCal is a free menu-based clock and calendar. It features a huge range of configuration options for how the time and date are displayed, and can operate either in conjunction with, or instead of the built in system menu clock. In addition to this, MagiCal features a handy drop-down calendar that can be torn off and placed anywhere on screen. It can be downloaded from these web sites:

<http://www.versiontracker.com/dyn/moreinfo/macosx/31785>

<http://www.charcoaldesign.co.uk/magical>

Dates to iCal is a birthdays calendar for OSX 10.4 It automatically syncs your Address Book birthdays, anniversaries and custom dates to iCal, creating alarmed, editable events in a separate calendar. It can be downloaded at these sites:

<http://www.nhoj.co.uk/>

<http://www.versiontracker.com/dyn/moreinfo/macosx/29359>

Information on both of these programs can be found in the July issue of MacWorld Magazine.

## **Open Forum**

**Q** Is there any way in iPhoto to add more than one song to a slideshow?

**A** Yes, if you make a playlist folder in iTunes you can add all of the songs in that folder to your slide show.

**Q** (I couldn't hear the original question from the back of the room so this is my best guess) Is there a less expensive WP program I can use to create documents that users of Microsoft Word would be able to read?

**A** There were several suggestions. One was if there were a student in the family to purchase the student version of Office, Another was to use Open Office, Pages or Text Edit and save as a Word document of RTF format.

**Q** If I were to purchase a new Mac with Intel, would I be able to run my current OS X software?

**A** Yes, and the new Mac would be faster and have a dual processor.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 19. at the Bettendorf Public Library  
Respectfully submitted, Kathy Schroeder, QCMug secretary