

# QCMUG Meeting Notes: April 18, 2006

## The Norm Kelinson Room, Bettendorf Public Library

### Business Meeting

#### **Attendance:**

There were 14 members and 3 guests present. Members present were: Dean Arney, Sue Berger, Buster Blocker, Jim Boland, Jose' Bucksbaum\*, Robert Custer, Brian Dobbins, Jim Hall, Wilma Hauser, Donald Patridge, Robert Rhinehart, Donald Schaefer, John Schenk and Jerry Wala\*. (\*new member)

Guests present were: Gary Arnold, John Lavelle, Bill Roe\*\*. (\*\*Member, 2005)

#### **Business:**

**Call to order - Welcome:** President Don Patridge called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM, welcomed members and guests to the April QCMUG meeting and introduced the officers. He called attention to the attendance form where those in attendance were asked to sign in and indicate whether or not they were members or guests.

**Open Forum/Question Forms:** Don showed the form members and guests are asked to use to pose questions for the Open Forum part of each meeting, explained that the forms can be located on and downloaded/printed from the QCMUG website, and then filled out in advance of each meeting, where they should be submitted to officers Jim Hall: Vice President, Dean Arney: Treasurer or Don Schaefer: Secretary, so the questions can be addressed during Open Forum, and identification of the questioner is not required. Members were encouraged to suggest any improvements to the form.

#### **Old Business:**

**Future QCMUG Meeting Sites:** Don explained that previously the Library had told us that we could not meet at the Bettendorf Library site in August, but now they have decided not to do the re-carpeting planned, so this site is available for the rest of 2006. Don had explored the use of the new Davenport Library site for August, and had reserved a room for us for that purpose. He described the facilities there and explained that no rooms are available until January, 2007 at the Davenport Library site, but we could still meet there in August.

Dean Arney suggested that we schedule the August meeting for the Davenport Library, and then consider the other site. Don Schaefer suggested that scheduling for our regular third Tuesday meetings, at the new site, might be a problem if not done very early. Don Patridge said it may already be a problem. Jim Hall asked if we could treat Dean Arney's recommendation as a motion, which he would then second.

**Motion - August Meeting:** Made and seconded by Dean Arney and Jim Hall - that we meet at the Davenport Library site for the August meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote, and Dean Arney said he would arrange for credit for the August meeting, from the Bettendorf Library and Don Patridge would verify our reservation at the Davenport Library. A question was asked about the third Tuesday of every month as the only time for meetings. When this question was raised on a survey, 2 years ago, the response was definitely for the retention of the same meeting date. Since membership has changed, present members may wish to reconsider, but at this time, the discussion was not carried further.

#### **New Business:**

**Recognitions:** Don Patridge suggested some way that we could encourage a closer relationship with Apple businesses, both from the standpoint of more support for them as well as our support for them. Recognition of businesses on our web site was recommended, and Don said he already does this. Bumper stickers, thank you awards of some kind to representatives of businesses who present programs. Don asked for member recommendations.

# April QCMUG Program

**Program Introduction:** President Don Patridge introduced Mike Hughes, who would present the program on FireFox. Don mentioned that the Davenport Library had a copy of a book that might be useful, entitled: "Don't Click on the Blue e, Switch to FireFox"., which I think Don said is an O'Reilly book.

## “FireFox”

by Mike Hughes

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Mike introduced himself and explained the change in his business status, having previously been a partner in a consulting group, and now having gone into business for himself. He said he wanted to introduce the audience to FireFox, highlighting features and giving a brief foundation for FireFox, to explain a bit of its history, to explain and demonstrate some of its capabilities, and to show us how to get started with this web browser. The developers were originally with Mozilla (the primary basis of Netscape), who wished to produce a web browser that was better than Mozilla. They wished to focus on flexibility and the ability to expand the capabilities of this new web browser by use of plug-ins and things to be added. They designed it to work on any platform, and with all the current web standards. The application is free and can be downloaded. To run on your computer, you have to have Jaguar (10.2.x) or later. It can be obtained at <http://www.mozilla.com/>. Mike then listed a number of specific capabilities of FireFox, starting with Tab Browsing. Mike demonstrated numerous special features of FireFox and also demonstrated how to install plug-ins, and he emphasized that when people are thinking about installing special features and plug-ins, they should check carefully to be sure they are designed to work with the current version of FireFox.

**Open Forum:** One question had been submitted to officers, and this question was addressed at this time.

**Demonstration:** Don Schaefer had described an experiment he and his sons, and the Epson company, had done in comparing the actual prints produced by 3 Epson printers and 1 high end Canon printer, using exactly the same image files (unedited) and the default (lower resolution) settings on all the printers. There wasn't time to discuss this, but members were able to check the four sets of 4 prints each, and compare dye vs pigment inks (20 year longevity vs 100 year longevity) prints. The printers were: Epson 1270, Epson R350, Epson R1800 (prints supplied by Epson) and the Canon i990. Members could draw their own conclusions by direct observation and comparison. If anyone would like the conclusions Don and his sons reached, after this little experiment, send a request to [donschaefer@mchsi.com](mailto:donschaefer@mchsi.com) and he will send you their observations and conclusions.

President Patridge adjourned the meeting at about 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Don Schaefer, QCMUG Secretary