

# QCMUG MINUTES

September 19, 2006

Norm Kelinson Room, Bettendorf Library

## Business Meeting

**Attendance:** There were 14 members and 2 guests present. Members present were: Dean Arney, Sue Berger, Tom Brooks, Robert Custer, Brian Dobbins, Jim Hall, Wilma Hauser, Donald Patridge, Duke Roth, Don Schaefer, John Schenk, Kathy Schroeder, Faye Waterman and James Wieland. Guests present were: Karen Wieland and Sharon Brooks.

### **Old Business:**

**Call to order - Welcome** - President Don Patridge called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

**Survey Results:** Don spoke about some of the results of the survey he had handed out at a previous meeting. He said that one person had checked Microsoft Works (an old multipurpose program that preceded Claris and Apple Works). Jim Hall expressed the opinion that Microsoft Works is a bad program and shouldn't be used. This point was not discussed further. Don stated the opinion that an application known as Writely, was a good word processing program. [www.writely.com/](http://www.writely.com/) is the website for this free, WP program. If you go there you will find that it is described as a "Web Word Processor". He was enthusiastic about its use on the Web. Don handed out another survey sheet which requested member preferences for a variety of programs/applications, for possible program presentations. He said that on the previous survey a number had indicated they were using Pages from iWorks, but not Keynote. He said that about 75% of the membership is using iTunes, and not using most of the rest of iLife - iPhoto being the next most used application. Almost no one is using GarageBand.

**Drawing:** Members in attendance signed their names on tickets, and the tickets were drawn for various prizes (such as a specialty drink from Dewey's, if another equal value drink was purchased). He did not report further on the other results of the earlier survey (such as which operating systems were most used, or what equipment members were using).

**Treasurer's Report:** Dean Arney reported that there had been \$70 income, so the present treasury balance is now \$1677.86. Dean reported that two memberships had been paid tonight, and he requested that everyone check the sign-up sheet to verify the date of their own membership renewal. He indicated there were a number in arrears, and that he would be sending out reminders, but would appreciate members bringing their membership due payments up to date. He also reported that the Library Board had changed the fees to \$5 per meeting instead of \$5 per hour, so we are paid up for our meeting room until approximately July, 2007. Dean reported that he had been getting notes relating to Domain name, and asked Don Patridge to check on that. Don said that we should be paid up for our internet Domain name until August. He also suggested that if the notes continued, Dean should call "Joy" at Internet Revealed.

**Free Books/Reviews needed:** Don reported that there were still 3 free books that no one had picked up, and asked if there was an interest in the two on photography, or the one on GarageBand 2. Accepting the book requires that a review be written by the recipient. Don again spoke of the Davenport Library site, and their fees, but said we can't get in because of prescheduled use of meeting sites for the third Tuesday of each month. Also, the meeting times at Davenport require that we finish a half hour earlier.

**QCMUG Membership:** Dean Arney reported that we have 54 members listed at this time.

**New Business:** Someone asked about where the sign was, announcing tonight's meeting and Don explained that no one had volunteered to make any signs, as he had requested at a previous meeting. He reported that Computer Renaissance is now called Computer Evolution. There is a Computer Revolution business in Moline.

**Book Review:** Don Schaefer was asked to report on his review of iPhoto 6, The Missing Manual. As he did with his review of the book Photoshop Elements 4, The Missing Manual,

Don handed out copies of his review and made it available to be posted at QCMUG.org.

**Software discs available:** Dean Arney stated that he still has 5 of the \$5 discs available for software/shareware, which Don Patridge had prepared to accompany his presentation.

**Introduction of the program presenter:** Don Patridge introduced Brian Dobbins, and said he would be telling us about iWeb and showing how to make use of iWeb with a .Mac account.

## September QCMUG Program

# “iWeb”

by **Brian Dobbins, Apple Technical Consultant**

Computer Problems Resolved

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Brian said he would be telling how to prepare an iWeb project, but could not actually post it to the web during his presentation. He described iWeb as “Apple’s little website creating utility”. He described iWeb as “the simplest website creator I’ve ever seen”. He said that if one can create pages in a document, you can create a website. He spoke of several that he has created, but said that he would create one from the start during his presentation. This he did. Using templates provided, he described how to make different pages for the website, though he explained that the present version of iWeb will not permit “mixing and matching” from different templates. He expected that the next version would permit that. Choosing a welcome page template, he demonstrated how to change the background as well as photos, and he demonstrated how text can be substituted for provided text (as is done in Pages), or new text could be added. He showed how to add pictures, alter size and orientation of pictures, and make use of the templates, both for the first page and all succeeding pages. Literally, everything could be changed to some extent, with the template being simply the starting point. To some extent, the pictures can even be edited during the website preparation. He also demonstrated how pictures could be “stacked”, so pictures could be added, like a collage. Brian explained that if you want to use the publish button, only people with a .Mac account can access the site.

He said that the project could be saved out as a file, and then it could be “pushed out” to the web as a site that anyone could access by way of a URL. Brian went on to demonstrate all aspects of the preparation of a website of multiple pages, including numerous pictures, but it was not possible to actually move it to the web as a part of the demonstration. He indicated that Apple has a tutorial to learn how to work with iWeb, located at their Learning Center, which can be accessed by everyone having a .Mac account.

The URL for that is: <http://www.apple.com/ilife/tutorials/iWeb/>. Again, this URL may only be available if you have a .Mac account. The same is true for numerous other tutorials for iLife and other Apple applications. Brian answered numerous questions during his presentation.

**Open Forum:** Can PowerPoint files be imported into a Mac and used? It was explained that PowerPoint files can be read by Keynote, and files can be transferred from a PC to a Mac by using a firewire cable and putting the other computer in target mode. This process is explained in the Mac Help, and by just typing “target mode” in the search. Then the external computer will appear as though it is a connected external drive and files easily transferred. Some other discussion followed relating to the need for use of a separate microphone in order to get good voice quality for any use, such as in using iChat or the phone connection described in an earlier program presentation. <http://www.skype.com/products/skypeout/> gives information about the free telephone service.

The Program was adjourned before the 8:30 PM deadline time.

Respectfully Submitted: Don Schaefer, QCMUG Secretary