

QCMUG Minutes

October 16, 2007

Norm Kelinson Room- Bettendorf Public Library

Attendance: There were 16 members and 4 guests present. Members: Dean Arney, Bill Burns, Robert Custer, Brian Dobbins, Jim Hall, Lois Harker, Wilma Hauser, Jim Holifield, Phyllis James, David Ochs, Don Patridge, Bill Rankin, Duke Roth, John Schenk, Kathy Schroeder, Cynthia Weinberger.

The meeting began with the open forum due to a lack of projector.

Q. "What good are the stickies in OSX?"

A. Not much that anyone could say. Members don't use them

Q. "Has anyone had good luck with Internet Revealed lately?"

A. A **long** discussion followed about the many problems the company had experienced during the past two weeks. Most people with the service were back up by today (Oct 16).

Business Meeting:

New Business:

Dean has new membership cards.

The October program at Fairmont library went well. The next Fairmont presentation will be Tuesday, November 27 from 6 to 8 PM. Anyone willing to help at this meeting should notify Kathy Schroeder, QCMug secretary.

Dean has decided this will be his last year in the job, so the club will need a new treasurer for the coming year.

Members were reminded that the December meeting will be our White Elephant gift exchange.

Treasurers report: We have 50 members and \$853.00.

Program for October: Skype--Free calling with your computer!

Presented by Don Patridge

Don gave an informative Keynote presentation showing features of Skype. The following are the slides from his presentation.

What's Free?

Free calling with your computer!

Calling other people on Skype

Forwarding calls to other Skype Names

Video calls on Skype

One-to-one and group chats

Transfer Skype calls to other Skype contacts

Conference calls with up to nine people

Skype What Costs

Skype Unlimited - 12 months of unlimited calls to any phone within the US and Canada for just \$29.95.

Calls to international phones at low, per-minute rates

Receive calls from phones with SkypeIn - your personal Skype phone number

Send and receive voicemails

Forward calls to phones at Skype calling rates

Send SMS messages from Skype for \$.112

Downloading Skype

- Skype for Mac OS X is free to download.
- Macintosh computer with G3, G4, G5, or Intel processor
- Mac OS X v 10.3.9 (Panther) or newer
- 128 MB RAM
- 75 MB free disk space on your hard drive
- Internet Connection (either dial-up: minimum 33.6 Kbps modem, or any broadband: cable, DSL, etc.)

Starting Skype for the first time

- Read and accept our End User License Agreement

- Choose a Skype Name and password.
- The Skype Name and password fields are required in order to use Skype
- Skype Name must be at least 6 characters in length
- Email address is not mandatory, however it is strongly recommended

Skype

What you need.

- Skype software
- Headphones & microphone
- Phone landline

Improving sound quality

- Use a headset with a built-in microphone.
- Try moving the microphone closer or further away from your mouth.
- Use an external microphone (note that most laptops use low-quality microphones).
- Either USB or regular headset.
- A cable, DSL or equivalent broadband internet connection
- For more information on improving sound quality please see the Skype Sound Set Up Guide.

The remaining slides were screenshots showing preferences windows. Don't recommended that you set these up first and allow calls only from people whom you have authorized.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 20.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Schroeder, QCMug secretary.