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Final Newsletter 20-21 Season

This has been a most unusual year as I'm sure you will all agree. Last fall, the Board decided it was impractical to hold any in-person meetings and training classes. This included the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM usually has a President's Report and election of officers. Following is a brief President's report and status of club officers.

President's Report

This season the Viewpoint Technology Club Board waived membership dues for all prior season members and for anyone who joined in 2020-2021. The Club added 40 new members as a result of a ROVA promotion. We appreciate what they did and hope those who joined benefited from their Tech Club membership.

In order to keep members informed of the constant changing technology, a club newsletter was periodically distributed to members. It offered members the latest technology news and options to attend online technology meetings and training classes. These online options were also added to the club's website.

The club joined the Association of Professional Computing User Groups (APCUG). It provides member clubs with information about online meetings and technology training offered by their member clubs. These offerings were promoted in the newsletter and on the website. APCUG will be a source for meeting and training presentations in the future.

Our plans to celebrate the club's 30th anniversary were never finalized due to the pandemic. At this time there is no plan for a belated celebration.

Financially, the Club is still in a strong position.

Club Officers

At the March board meeting, two club officers announced they were stepping down. Ron Brown is stepping down as Treasurer. Bob King is stepping down as President.

Ron and his wife Sharon will not be returning to Viewpoint next season. His Viewpoint unit is in the final stages of selling.

In a normal year we would have taken time at the AGM to thank Ron in person for all that he has done for the club. He made significant contributions over the years and has been a valued member. He made a commitment to the Mac User Group in its early years providing support to Joan Feiereisel and later to Vailla Hoggan. Over a 19 year period he provided input for programs and was willing to assist with teaching. He was one of the first members of the iPad user group when it began and was a dedicated participant and helper at iPad, Mac and PC meetings and classes.

We appreciated his involvement and expertise particularly in the area of security. He kept club members current on security updates, strategies, procedures and software to ensure that our devices were secure.

The AGM has been a highlight of our club each year, particularly the Silent Auction. No one has shown more excitement looking for prizes and finding bargains on Black Friday than Ron. His enthusiasm was infectious, and we all were impressed with his purchases and looked forward to his online discoveries.

One of the Board members mentioned all the new friends each of us has made at Viewpoint. We on the board consider Ron among our best post retirement friends. The club has been through a lot of change in Ron's 19 years with the club. Ron has been there to help provide financial direction and stewardship. The club is very fortunate to have the finances to absorb a year like this one. Ron, thank you for all you've done first to help prior club treasurer Skip Trapp and then to take his place.

We will miss Ron's involvement and friendship at Viewpoint and wish him and Sharon much happiness in this next stage of their retirement. Since most of you will not be able to thank Ron in person, you can send him your thoughts at this email address - vptc8700@gmail.com.

Since the Club did not hold an annual general meeting (AGM) this season where club members could vote on Club Officers, the bylaws allow replacing an officer by a vote of the remaining officers. At the March 20, 2021 board meeting current club Vice-President Jerry Diehl was voted club Treasurer by the remaining club officers.

Bob King has served as President for the past 13 seasons. He helped establish the iPad group along with Joan Fiereisal and Vailla Hoggan. He worked along with Vailla to merge the Mac Club with the Viewpoint Computer Club. Along with Ron Brown he arranged the club's purchase of new classroom computers with park ownership agreeing to reimburse the club with interest. This helped put the club in its current sound financial position.

Over the years he worked with Park management to upgrade the club's training classrooms and establish a 24/7 public access computer & printer location outside the Activities office. Our classroom facilities are now one of the best in the area. Along with the Genealogy and Photography Club he petitioned park management to upgrade the Kokopelli Room ceiling projector, screen and connections. The Kokopelli Room facilities are now adequately serving the clubs that use them.

Outside his President responsibilities, Bob helped maintain the classroom computers for many years and helped the club move to an online club management service for membership management, email, event management, calendar, surveys and website. Over the last several years Bob has involved several club members to assume many of these responsibilities.

Bob has been an instructor for a variety of subjects. They include Windows Movie Maker, Google Earth, Windows Backup & Recovery and Windows OS. Recently he has helped with workshops on the emerging technologies of streaming media and smart home devices.

Bob and his wife Vicki are planning to return to Viewpoint in the fall. Bob will serve the Club as past-president.

President and Vice-President Needed

The club needs your help filling the vacant President and Vice-President positions. These positions have changed over time. The President's role is now more managerial rather than technical. We have other club members responsible for each of the user groups, a dedicated webmaster and other club administrative duties are distributed among board and club members. As past-president Bob along with other board members will be available to offer the new officers help and guidance.

Here are the President and Vice-President responsibilities:

President

- Help create Board monthly meeting agenda (Nov-Mar)

- Help create Executive (elected officers) monthly meeting agenda (Nov-Mar)
- Chair the Executive and Board meetings
- Represent the club to park management
- Chair the annual General Meeting (AGM)

Vice-President

- Fill-in for President in her/his absence
- Complete tasks assigned by the President
- Serve as contact for groups outside the club
- Coordinate the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Each officer serves for one year.

Please consider volunteering for one of these two offices. The club needs new ideas and the existing experienced board members will help make it easy for you to serve in either of these positions. Please reply to this email if you are willing to help serve the club.