**Bella Vista Computer Club General Meeting**

**July 10, 2023**

The general meeting was held at Highlands Community Center on Monday, July 10, 2023. President Joel Ewing called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 18 people present and one on Zoom.

The membership report prepared by Geri Hoerner was reported and is currently at 142.

An introduction to the Board Members was given which included Joel Ewing, President, Woody Ogden, Vice President, Geri Hoerner, Membership Chair, Grace Chang, Education Chair, Julie Storm, Publicity Chair and Board Members Russ Ogden and Loretta Ostenso. Attending members were made aware that there will be open officer positions that need to be filled in the upcoming elections in August.

The minutes of the General Meeting were submitted on the website and with no corrections, the minutes were ruled approved as published.

Membership Benefits include:

1. Help Clinics - 1st Saturday and 3rd Wednesday, 9-noon
2. General meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm open to the general public which is also being simulcast on Zoom
3. Remote Help which may be requested on the website, the preferred method of contact. Use Remote Help facility rather than calling Help Clinic people directly so that one person does not have to handle all the requests.
4. Classes - Held in the Training Center - advance sign up is required:

* July 18th, 2-4 pm, “Basic Computer Security, Part 2” (Justin Sell)
* July 19th, 1-3 pm, “Thunderbird Email Client Usage” (Joel Ewing)
* July 25, -12 pm, “Using MS Windows” (Joel Ewing)
* August 15, 2-4 pm, “Basic Computer Security, Part 1” (Justin Sell)

1. Bella Vista Computer Club website - contains announcements, the monthly newsletter entitled Bits & Bytes, a schedule for upcoming classes, membership renewal, and monthly meeting minutes.
2. The Genealogy special interest group will be meeting on July 21st from 1-3 pm and each 3rd Friday of the month.
3. Members of the Club have access to APCUG (Association of PC Users Group) remote conference sessions via zoom. These sessions are free and you must register in advance. There is a Zoom workshop on Wednesday, July 12th at 11:00 am. Two topics will be covered. They are “Technology Always Seems to be Changing the Way We Listen to Music at Home and in the Car” and “Airtags and Tiles”.
4. BVCC is part of Wal-Mart’s Round-Up program where BVCC can be a selected charity for a small donation when online purchases are made from Wal-Mart.
5. Officer elections coming up in August. At the general meeting, there will be elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the next full year, and two board members for the two-year term September, 2023 through August, 2025. There is also a need for an Education Chair.

The meeting tonight presented “Free Open-Source Software,” an APCUG video.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Obrenovich, Secretary