



RAC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – Club Room
April 8, 2021

Acting Chairperson Tom Hart called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Members Present: Benny Blackshire, Larry Chambers, Tom Hart, Harry Hintz, Don Vore, and RAC Liaison Sarah Chambers.

Members Absent: Mike Anderson, Don Dione (excused), Ron Sweet (vacation), & Bob Wehrle.

Guests Present: Matt Batt, Jean Aronson, Dianne Bergman, & Gary Natbony.

Guests from Pelican Players: Rick Swenson, Kevin Steinke, & James Williams.

The roll call confirmed a quorum, and the agenda was provided in advance by email.

Motion made by Harry Hintz to accept the agenda and seconded by Don Vore.

The minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting were approved by a quorum via email in March.

Chairperson's Report:

Tom introduced the guests (Matt, Jean, Dianne & Gary) and let them say something about their background. He next introduced the guests from Pelican Players (Rick, Kevin, & James) and stated we would hear from them later.

1. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Training Survey:** Sarah Chambers gave a comprehensive report on the results of the training survey that was sent to all residents. Sarah noted that 37% of the surveys were returned due largely to the efforts of the RAC REPS in each area. Results of the survey revealed the four most popular topics to be: (1) Cell phone photos and how to share them; (2) Keeping my computer running smoothly; (3) Dining Portal; and (4) How to use a smart TV. One on one instruction was the number one preference in ways of presenting information. Matt Batt gave his experience from the Computer Club training. They found that tutoring sessions (one-on-one) was very successful. This was better than group instruction. They used handouts for all instruction.
- b. **Skills Matrix Update:** Benny Blackshire circulated the current Skills Matrix spreadsheet for members to update. A skills matrix was also provided for the guests to fill in. The updated list will be provided to Crystal in ROC.

2. New Business:

- a. **Training Schedule:** Tom Hart read the Mission Statement to the committee and the training to be scheduled is in line with the mission statement. Tom will coordinate with ROC for them to be the point of contact for signing up for future training. Training will consist of a short video in a group and then break-out into one-on-one training. Each class should be limited to about 10 people. Cell phone photos and how to share seemed to be the most requested training. It was agreed that an instruction hand-out should be available for each person trained. Training will start in May and the schedule will be reviewed at the next meeting. Harry Hintz commented that picture problems are unique to each platform.

- b. Tech Terms Dictionary:** Input from the committee was collected and provided to Sarah Chambers.
- c. Pelican Players:** Rick Swenson briefed the committee on the Pelican Players. It was started 40 years ago in Kings Point and now has about 50% of its membership outside of King's Point. The purpose of their coming to the Technology Committee was to solicit support for sound crews/teams. Their shows are held at King's Point and they desperately need people that are interested in learning sound mixers, etc. John Foster, of Freedom Plaza, is a two-time past president. The question was asked about how much was the time commitment to be on a sound crew/team? Rick indicated that normally it is around 30 hours over 3 months. However, for a big show, it could be 3 hrs./day, 3 days/week, for 3 weeks coming up to a big show. Matt Batt requested a write-up from Rick and said he would put it in the computer club newsletter which goes out to around 1,000 people. Rick will send something to Matt and also something to Tom.

3. Adjournment: Tom Hart adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.

4. The next Committee meeting will be **May 25th at 9:30 am** and will be held in the new 4th floor conference room, across from the MFST office. All future meetings will be held at 9:30 am on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the new 4th floor conference room.

Respectively submitted,
Benny Blackshire, Secretary