



September 11, 2021 PMUG General Meeting Minutes

A Zoom virtual meeting of the Prescott Mac User Group (PMUG) was held on Saturday September 11, 2021.

1. Call to order: PMUG Vice President, Frank Croft, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. There were 28 participants, all members.
3. Happy September 2021 Birthday to the following PMUG members: Betty Tracy, Annette Baity, Harry Morel, Mary Albertson, Sondra Bradshaw, and Jim Reid?
4. Business Meeting:

- The August 14, 2021 PMUG general meeting minutes were approved.
- Reports

Financial report: The checkbook balance as of the end of August 2021 was \$3,262.59. There was one expense during August \$11.08 for a Take Control book door prize. There was income of \$20 from one new membership (Chuck Ripley). The financial report was approved.

Membership report: Current membership includes 91 members and 70 households with the addition of Chuck Ripley as a new member.

- Old business – none
- New business – Jim Romaine discussed the arrangements for the PMUG Christmas dinner scheduled for December 16 at the Bonfire restaurant in Chino Valley. The cost for dinner will be \$45 per person plus tax and gratuity. The PMUG coffers will pay \$5 per person along with the tax and the gratuity bringing the actual cost for members to \$40 per person. The menu for the event is excellent. The event will start at 4PM. Appetizers and dinner will be available starting at 4:30. Signup will be in November. Bobby Pastor offered to stay away from the dinner if her status of being unvaccinated was a concern for attendees. John Acquavella pointed out that those who are unvaccinated pose negligible risk to the vaccinated. Members are invited to voice their position on this issue to Jim Romaine. He will keep the feedback from individuals confidential and will inform the Board if there is strong sentiment about vaccination status for attendees.
- John Acquavella mentioned that he will be teaching a 4-week OLLI course entitled Covid-19: from alpha to delta. The course will start in November and will be held by Zoom at a morning time TBD. Two of the classes will be taught by guest speakers. Dr. Diana Benzyl from CDC will speak to the Covid-19 pandemic as a CDC insider and Dr. Henrik Sorensen from Aarhus University in Denmark will speak to the Scandinavian

experience with Covid-19. The other classes will track the Covid-19 experience in the US as the predominant strain shifted from alpha to delta and will take up some of the controversies that ensued during the pandemic (e.g., mask mandates, booster shots, lockdown pros/cons, vaccine mandates, etc.). Please contact the OLLI office or John for more details.

5. Upcoming PMUG Zoom meetings include:

Special Topics SIG: Monday, September 27 from 1 to 3 PM via Zoom. Members will be sent an email invitation to register. The topic will be presented by John Carter and focus on word processing applications (Word vs Pages vs LibreOffice).

Meet, Eat, and Talk Apple (META SIG or Mac Brunch) will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22 at the Prescott Junction restaurant on Sheldon Street. Come and discuss all things Apple or whatever is on your mind.

6. New Business

General meetings will continue to be held online for the foreseeable future. Yavapai College is gradually opening up their campus. It is likely that we will be able to meet in person sometime during the fourth quarter of 2021 if Covid-19 abates. However, special topic SIGs will continue to meet via Zoom.

7. Short Topic – HomePod mini - Jim Romaine reviewed his experience with the HomePod mini and it's many uses and capabilities. A copy of his presentation is posted on the PMUG website.
8. Long Topic – iPad Pro vs MacBook Air for productivity iPad accessories – Frank Croft reviewed the costs and capabilities for a similarly configured iPadPro and MacBook Air. In general, the MacBook Air is less expensive than the iPad Pro for the same amount of RAM and SSD storage. That being said, the devices excel in different areas and ultimately that is likely to determine which device is preferred by individual users. A copy of his presentation is available on the PMUG website.
9. Next PMUG general meeting: The next PMUG general meeting will be on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 10 AM by Zoom. The short topic will be iOS Tips & Tricks by Jim Romaine. The long topic will be Find My (people, devices, items) by Frank Croft.
10. Two sets of door prizes were awarded because no prizes were awarded at August's meeting. The winners were as follows: Staples gift card (Bob Hale, Dinah Stecki), 'Take Control books (Bobbie Pastor, Jim Romaine), and OLLI \$10 vouchers (John Acquavella, Jim Hays).

Adjourned at 12:00 PM
Submitted by John Acquavella
PMUG Secretary
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