

# **SLO Bytes Computer Users' Group**

## **Minutes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 Virtual BOD Meeting**

**Officers Present via Zoom:** Alan Raul, Ralph Sutter and Kaye Raul

**Absent:** John Waller, Peter Stonehewer

**Other Board Members Present:** Jim Buenrostro

Secretary **Ralph Sutter** called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of **12/02/2022** were approved as submitted.

Treasurer **Kaye Raul** informed the BOD that she submitted SLO Bytes financial data both for the year 2022 as well as for January 2023.

Kaye filed the 2022 income tax returns for the State of California. She will pay Federal Income Taxes once that on-line submission becomes available.

Training Officer **Alan Raul** proposed that the BOD extend last year's policy of granting all current SLO Bytes members another dues-free year. Cost reductions gained by meeting via Zoom rather than in person significantly reduce expenses and make this possible.

Secretary **Ralph Sutter** previously indicated that he was interested in investigating the pros and cons of dropping **SLO Bytes' 501 (c) 3** status and adopting the model of **the Central Coast Artists' Collective**. That group operates as an **Unincorporated Non-Profit Association**. Ralph's research revealed that in an Unincorporated Non-Profit Association, all members may be personally liable for the association's debts and liabilities. Given that possibility, Sutter no longer supports abandoning SLO Bytes' 501 (c) 3 status. All other BOD members in attendance agreed with Ralph's reasoning.

BOD Member **Jim Buenrostro** asked how much SLO Bytes was paying for insurance and whether the group should drop this coverage. Kaye Raul and Ralph Sutter advised against this move.

The meeting ended at 6:48pm

**Ralph Sutter**