**SLO Bytes Computer Users’ Group**Minutes of the June 5th 2016 BOD Meeting

**Officers present**: Earl Kaplan, Alan Raul, John Waller and Bob Styerwalt
**Absent**: Ralph Sutter
**Other volunteers present**: Linda Styerwalt

President **Earl Kaplan** called the meeting to order at 12:17 pm.

The minutes of the May 1st 2016 Board of Directors meeting were approved as submitted.

Training Officer **Alan** **Raul** filled the BOD in on the absence of Secretary **Ralph** **Sutter**. Ralph will miss today’s meeting due to illness but will hold the Photography Group session the following Sunday. Sutter will also miss the July meeting, not due to illness but to out of town travel. Treasurer **Bob** **Styerwalt** will pick up firewood from Ralph and deliver it to the IOOF Hall for the BBQ on July 3rd. Suggested delivery time is around when Alan begins the First Session presentation.

The BOD then discussed general logistics for the July BBQ. President Earl Kaplan will be out of town. Alan will coordinate with Nancy Vrooman for the food purchases.

There will be no BOD meeting in July. Alan will end his First Session presentation whenever the hamburgers are ready. At this time, it is unknown who the cooks will be. Raul suggested that one last e-mail reminder be sent out to members, urging a BBQ RVSP. No date was attached for when the e-mail should be sent.

Alan will allocate 15 minutes to **John** **Waller** during the First Session, so that Waller can talk about his newest computer purchase.

 Regarding the Second Session, Alan mentioned that Sutter had forwarded notes for today’s Second Session discussion of Cloud Storage and Backup. Raul will lead the discussion, with others adding their comments. The panelists can speak from the audience. They will not all sit at a table.

Treasurer Bob Styerwalt gave his report. Earl asked about whether Bob had investigated the rates of alternative insurance carriers. Styerwalt had not. Alan suggested that perhaps the time to compare rates would be just before the expiration date of the current policy.

According to Alan, the North County Computer Club will probably disband after this year. This news initiated a discussion of declining computer club memberships in general. Program Chair suggested that the decline may be due to the public finding answers to their questions through search engines. Others countered that, in some cases, the current computer club members didn’t even know such basics as What is a browser? Or How do I create a folder? This audience may view computer clubs more as a social outing than an educational opportunity.

Raul asked Program Chair John Waller if John had lined up any potential topics for the August Second Session. Waller had not. Earl has repeatedly asked member for suggested topics but received no guidance. Alan asked each BOD member to think about potential topics, e-mailing one another with those ideas.

Guest **Linda** **Styerwalt** recommended a talk on PortableApps, though the topic has already been presented several times before. Alan favored a refresher presentation on that topic.

John proposed sessions on Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom. He also mentioned radio scanning of public safety services. No consensus was reached on John’s suggestion.

 The meeting ended at 12:34 pm.

**Note**: These minutes were taken by Secretary Ralph Sutter, based on an audio recording by Training Officer Alan Raul of the June 5, 2016 SLO Bytes BOD meeting.