

RED RIVER VALLEY SAS USERS GROUP

MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2005

Present: Kevin Martin, Iris Gill, Debbie Opatz, Jean Chen, Carol Drechsel, Doris Bornhoeft, Roger Perala, Sue Rosha, Carmen Williams, Bill Slanger, Rohit Kulkarni, Bill Niehaus, Jeff Struck, Ron Spangler.

Pizza was served for lunch, \$3 per person. \$36 lunch money was collected.

BUSINESS MEETING:

1. Meeting was called to order by Kevin Martin at 12 noon.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Minutes of October 7, 2004 meeting were distributed and approved.
4. Treasurer's report was given by Iris Gill. Current balance is \$633.03. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.
5. Dues invoices were handed out and the following were turned in at the meeting:

NAME	TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	DUES AMOUNT PAID
Iris Gill	Individual	\$5.00
Otter Tail Power Company	Organization	\$25.00
American Crystal Sugar Co	Organization	\$25.00
North Dakota Game & Fish Dept	Organization	\$25.00
Kevin Martin	Individual	\$5.00
	TOTAL	\$85.00

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Possible topics: ODS and Proc Template.

PROGRAM:

- Ron Spangler from Otter Tail Power gave an on-line demonstration of SAS Enterprise Guide.
Demonstrated EG's process flow capability which allows you to wrap different processes together which can then be run as a unit.
Demonstrated EG's visual (non-code) format for doing queries.
Demonstrated how easy graphing is.
- Kevin Martin of the VA demonstrated the Veteran's Administration web site. This application was done in SAS Intrnet.
Showed how web users could order up SAS reports on-line by indicating some parameters.
Used ODS HTML for the reports. Used the FRAME = _webout_ (SAS reserved fileref) option on the ODS statement to send the output back to the web portal.

TIPS/COMMENTS:

- Web Report Studio is another option for doing web applications. Features more security and a more out-of-the-box approach.
- SAS web site for Proc Template FAQ is:
<http://support.sas.com/rnd/base/topics/templateFAQ/Template.html>
- There are SAS web classes on Proc Template

Door prizes were distributed. This included books on (I am paraphrasing exact titles here) Painless Windows (Carol); Tips from Around the World (Carmen); Debugging SAS (Bill); Logistic Regression (Roger); and Survival Analysis (Jeff).
Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by Iris Gill, Secretary/Treasurer