

**RED RIVER VALLEY SAS USERS GROUP  
MINUTES  
APRIL 20, 2006**

Present: Kevin Martin, Iris Gill, Bill Niehaus, Debbie Opatz, Carol Drechsel, Jeff Struck, Dean Hjelle, Annette Viergutz, Carol Tschakert, Sandy Schultz, Danelle Schuster, Gretchen Kost, John DeHaan, Janet Carlson, Kathy Wang.

Pizza was served for lunch, \$3 per person. \$39 lunch money was collected.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

1. Meeting was called to order by Kevin Martin at 12 noon.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Treasurer's report was given by Iris Gill. Current balance is \$685.43. 2005 end-of-year report was also presented (\$96.39 total expenses and \$152.67 total income).
4. Announcement was made that 2006 membership fees are now due. The following were turned in at the meeting. Others should mail dues to Iris Gill, Treasurer.

NAME	TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	DUES AMOUNT PAID
Iris Gill	Individual	\$5.00
Otter Tail Power Company	Organization	\$25.00
Kevin Martin	Individual	\$5.00
	TOTAL	\$35.00

5. Officer elections were held and the following were elected:  
President – Kevin Martin  
Vice President – Bill Niehaus  
Secretary/Treasurer – Iris Gill

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Possible topics:

- Enhancements in version 9.2;
- Tagsets;
- Macro presentation by Art Carpenter;
- Proc SQL;
- Visual Basic front end to launch programs

**TIPS/COMMENTS:**

- Kevin asked what people thought about Andrew Karp's classes during the June event. Consensus was we should do this again some time.
- Kevin and Carol Drechsel talked about SUGI in San Francisco. SUGI has changed its name to SAS Global Forum.
- Flyers were shown for the MWSUG conference to be held Oct 22-24 in Detroit.

**PROGRAM:**

- Carol Drechsel highlighted some of the more interesting/informative sessions at SUGI and gave the following website to access the proceedings/papers from the conference:  
<http://www2.sas.com/proceedings/sugi31/toc.html>
- Dean Hjelle presented examples of:
  1. How to create data for any groups that have no data but need to be on the report;
  2. Using the ods style sasdoprinter (ods rtf style=styles.sasdoprinter) to get smaller print than the default style.
  3. Using the ods startpage option (ods rtf startpage=No) to tell SAS not to start a new page when encountering the next proc step.
  4. Using ods tagsets.msoffice2k to write the entire table (including titles and column headers) to Excel.

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- Kevin Martin gave examples of:
  1. Using SAS to call external programs such as WinZip and the DOS-based copy/move commands and how to get SAS to email results to clients.
  2. Using SAS to analyze your normal SAS job (especially useful for jobs running in batch mode)
  
- Iris Gill handed out information on the SAS e-newsletters that are available (samples were given for EDUation, SAS Technology, SAS Publishing News, and SAS Training. You can subscribe to these at this web site:  
<http://support.sas.com/documentation/periodicals/>

Door prizes were distributed – winners were Dean Hjelle, Debbie Opatz, and Carol Tschakert.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by Iris Gill, Secretary/Treasurer