Meeting summary for Steve Edwards Personal Meeting Room (02/13/2025)

Quick recap

The meeting focused on the need for a website upgrade for the Pro Duffer side of the club, with a committee formed to vet a suitable vendor and a budget raised for the upgrade. Concerns were raised about the reliability and security of the vendor's platform, but the team decided to move forward with the upgrade and a third-party organization for website development. The meeting also discussed the development and maintenance costs of the website, the potential for a new member to join, and the future of the club with a focus on web development.

Next steps

• Sweeney to remove Pro Duffers Southwest Chapter reference from the Foster Kid Foundation website.
• Sweeney to continue developing the Foster Kid Foundation website using Wix.
• Sweeney to train a Pro Duffer member on web development for future website maintenance.
• Committee to work with the selected vendor to develop content for the new Pro Duffers website.
• Steve to disseminate the list of questions and answers from the vendor to the group.
• Steve to find a replacement for Marilyn's seat at the March 1st event.
• Sweeney to inform Steve about a potential non-Pro Duffer attendee for the March 1st event.

Summary

Website Upgrade and Vendor Selection

The meeting involved discussions about the need for a website upgrade for the Pro Duffer side of the club. The club had found a vendor who could provide a new look online, help with social media, and connect them to other relevant platforms. A committee was formed to vet the vendor, and they found her to be suitable at a price tag of $750. The budget had not initially included this expense, but the club managed to raise $1,000 through football squares. The proposal was to spend $750 to upgrade the Pro Duffer website, which would take 4 to 6 weeks and provide a social media presence. The conversation ended with a vote to determine if the club had enough support to move forward with the upgrade.

Vendor Platform Reliability and Security

The meeting involved discussions about the reliability and security of a vendor's platform. Ellard raised concerns about scalability, service reliability, and uptime, which were addressed by sqedw and Thomas. Laurie, who had more direct contact with the vendor,

was expected to provide further information. Jerry expressed frustration with the lengthy process and the need for multiple sources of information. The team agreed to move forward with the vendor, but there were still some outstanding questions and concerns.

Website Upgrade and Committee Concerns

Jerry expressed his opinion that the website was stagnant and needed an upgrade. He suggested that the committee should approve the money already raised to move forward with the upgrade. Ellard agreed to proceed with the upgrade, noting that there was no e-commerce involved and data would be secure. Thomas, however, expressed his disappointment with the proposal and the lack of involvement in the committee. He criticized the host and the lack of a designer or web developer on the team. Laurie defended the vetting process and the professionalism of the team, while also acknowledging the need for further vetting. The conversation ended with a decision to move forward with a vote on the upgrade.

Website Development Project Decision

Thomas proposed a website development project, offering to teach the team how to use Wix and build a website of their choice. However, the team voted to move forward with a third-party organization, Space Squares, for the website development, despite Thomas' concerns about their services. The cost for this third-party service was a one-time expense of $750. The team's decision was made with two opposing votes.

Foster Kid Foundation Website Presentation

Thomas presented a new website for the Foster Kid Foundation, developed using Wix. He explained its features, including the ability to change backgrounds, add or remove content, and incorporate QR codes for easy access. The website includes sections for the foundation, its board members, events, and a members-only section with scores, constitution, bylaws, financial reports, and meeting minutes. Thomas also mentioned that he would be managing the site and that it would host the 2025 annual 4-man scramble. Jerry and Russ raised concerns about the website's visibility to potential sponsors, with Thomas assuring them that he could easily adjust the content. Thomas also mentioned that he would be working with a web developer to further enhance the site.

Website Development and Maintenance Costs

The team discussed the development and maintenance costs of a website for their organization. Thomas, who has experience in website development, shared that he charges around $2,000 to set up a website and $250 per month for maintenance. Shadrach's expressed interest in understanding the costs involved, indicating a willingness to underwrite the project. The team also discussed the need for a professional to write the script for the website, with Laurie clarifying that she would not be solely responsible for this task. The team agreed that the purpose and mission of their organization would remain unchanged, and that the website would reflect this. Jerry expressed hope that the backend mechanics of the website would work smoothly. The team also discussed an issue with a website embedded in Godaddy, which Thomas had tried to delete multiple times but to no avail.

Web Development and Club Future

The meeting involved discussions about the future of the club, with a focus on web development and the potential for a new member to join. Thomas expressed his concerns about the club's reliance on external experts and the potential for future issues, citing past experiences with Godaddy and Road. He also emphasized his commitment to teaching web development skills to interested members, potentially reducing costs for the club. The conversation ended with a sense of camaraderie and mutual respect among the participants.

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