

KAR Technology Subcommittee Meeting

November 22, 2008 @ 9:00 am, Panera Bread

Present: Phil Goodwin, Bonnie Sexton, Joe Hulsebus

Discussed using FTP to upload text and files; currently done to update our site

Discussed File Migration

- Current site has substantial historical data requiring retention
- Migration would have to be accomplished in sections over a long period of time, and requires cutting and pasting the historical data to the new site
- It is not necessary to display all historical data; it can just be stored on the host server

Phil recommended and conducted a demonstration using *Word Press*

- Website Management Tool
 - Holds and formats Text
 - User friendly; does not require html for most functions
 - Logos, text, files, links, photos, plug ins can be easily uploaded
 - Sidebar menu options can be easily added
 - Adding static menu options would require some html programming
 - Has capability of designating private, password protected sections
 - Member only or author only access may be granted to certain pages
 - Banner can be customized
 - Does not have calendar, polling features; these functions would need to be made available using plug-ins.
- Program is free of charge

Ipower.com is recommended for website hosting and domain

- Pro Plan is \$47.70 per year for hosting under 12 month plan
- Domain privacy costs \$8.99/year – recommended by Joe and Phil
- One free domain name; second costs \$9.95/year
 - Purchase two: www.kalamazoorearunners.com and www.kalamazoorearunners.org.
 - Ownership for www.kalamazoorearunners.com would need to be transferred
 - www.kalamazoorearunners.com would point to www.kalamazoorearunners.org

Action Items:

- Phil to write a proposal for the January 5, 2009 Board Meeting outlining recommendations using the above tools and services
- Phil to research availability of plug-ins to enhance capability (i.e. calendar, polling system, etc)
- Phil to begin building a KAR demo site using Word Press
- Target Date for website rollout will be March 10 (date of annual meeting)