

Washington Area Computer User Group  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
September 15, 2001

Board Meeting Attendance – Geof Goodrum, Paul Howard, Bob Mason, Bob Rott, Lu Spriggs, Jim Spurlock, Mike ten Kate, and Bill Walsh

Minutes – Reviewed minutes from the August board meeting. Minutes were amended to show a club balance of \$2275.99. Minutes were approved as amended.

Comments on General Meeting – Bob Mason gave a great presentation on how to use eBay.

Attendance at General Meeting – 22

Treasurer's Report/Other Financial Business – The Treasurer's report for August was accepted without amendment. Bob Rott reported a club balance of \$2188.24 which reflects deductions of \$94.61 paid to Jim Spurlock for Cursor publishing and postage costs. Bob Mason noted that he purchased a web cam for the club and some blank CD-ROMs. He will give Bob Rott the bill next month.

Total PC disk sales came to \$54.

Cursor Production/Web Site News/Software Reviews – October 6th is the deadline for Cursor article submissions. Geof Goodrum noted he could handle production of the September Cursor if Kathy Perrin cannot. It was suggested that articles be submitted to Kathy with carbon copies sent to Geof and Bob Mason.

Paul Howard would like to make some changes to the club's web site including a new background and revamping the logo portion of the homepage. We discussed putting copies of the Cursor on the web site. Paul noted he has a copy of Adobe Distiller and will take a crack at posting a PDF version of the Cursor to the site. Bob Mason said he would send Paul an electronic copy of the Cursor.

The list of outstanding software reviews is as follows.

Drive Image 4.0 (Assigned to Bob Mason in October 2000. Review was due by January Cursor.)

Microsoft TechNet CD (Assigned to Jim Spurlock in November 2000. Review was due by February Cursor.)

FrontPage 2002 (Assigned to Mike ten Kate in September. Review due by December 2001 Cursor.)

Office XP Professional (Assigned to Mike ten Kate in September. Review due by December 2001 Cursor.)

General Discussion – We briefly discussed a planned survey to be included in the November Cursor regarding options for distributing the newsletter. It was agreed that most members probably prefer paper copies of the Cursor. However, this has to be balanced against the time and effort required to mail out the Cursor each month.

Mike said he would check on user group discounts offered by Adobe.

Future Meetings – The October meeting will feature video conferencing over the net with a hook-up among Geof, Bob, and Lance Cutlar in New Orleans. The November meeting will need to be held at a different location since the government center is not available on November 17th. One suggested alternative is to ask CompUSA to host our meeting and have Microsoft demo Windows XP. Mike will contact the local Microsoft representative to see if this can be arranged.

Meeting adjourned