

Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 23, 2002

Board Meeting Attendance – Geof Goodrum, Paul Howard, Kathy Perrin, Chuck Roberts, Bob Rott, Lu Spriggs, Jim Spurlock, Tim Stark, Mike ten Kate, and Bill Walsh

Minutes – Reviewed minutes from the February meeting. Minutes were revised to show that Geof Goodrum said he could demo ZDNet and C/NET shopping services as opposed to CD shopping sites.

Comments on General Meeting – Thanks to Chuck Roberts and Geof Goodrum for two great demos on eBook readers.

Attendance at General Meeting – 32

Treasurer's Report/Other Financial Business – Bob Rott reported that the club's latest account balance is \$2836.17. Geof gave Bob \$133 in membership renewals and \$6 in disk sales. Sy Weinstock paid for a two-year renewal and will be given the option of getting a refund for the second year.

The board approved Bob Rott's motion to send the club's APCUG renewal by priority mail. Paul Howard made the case in writing and at the board meeting that we should adopt a club budget and some common sense ground rules on how we approve and audit expenditures. Paul and Bob Rott volunteered to form a budget committee and will get back to the board with specific proposals in the near future.

Cursor Production/Web Site News/Software Reviews – Jim Spurlock will produce the next issue of the Cursor. The deadline for article submission is March 30th.

The list of outstanding software reviews is as follows.

Corel Painter 7 (Assigned to Mike ten Kate in January 2002. Review due by April Cursor.)

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.)

General Discussion – We discussed the current lack of analog internet access at the government center. Bob Mason is looking into whether we can access the government center's new broadband access system. As a back-up, Geof said he would research the option of purchasing a digital to analog converter.

Kathy received the log-in information for the APCUG site and agreed to update the club information on the site. We divided up the names of members who have not yet renewed and agreed to contact them by phone.

Future Meetings – Kathy said she would call the manager at Micro Center to see whether he would be willing to demo new gadgets at the April meeting. As a back-up, Mike ten Kate said he could demo time management and organization software tools. He also said we would demo Painter 7.

Assuming we can get internet access, we also discussed a demo of computer shopping sites including My Simon, Bizrate, ZDnet, C/Net and so on.

Bob Rott suggested that we may wish to consider holding a build-your-own-computer clinic over the course of several meetings. Kathy said she would send she would pass this idea onto Bob Mason via an email.

Meeting adjourned