

Minutes of May meeting of Board of Directors of Washington Area Computer Users Group

Present: Kathy Perrin, Paul Howard, Geof Goodrum, Jim Spurlock, Chuck Roberts, Bob Rott, John Keys, Dottie Hellyer, Elayne Marciniak, Jorn Dakin.

General information: The club meeting was a good one. The attendance was counted at 30. So far as disk of the month sales were concerned, one Linux disk of the month was sold for a total revenue of \$3.00.

The meeting featured a very good presentation by Chuck Roberts on Photo Shop Elements. Chuck worked in advance on the presentation for approximately three months. Despite some hardware problems that were ultimately surmounted, Chuck's presentation was a good one and was well-received.

The presentation included a discussion of Photo Shop Elements (hereafter PSE) and its relationship with Photo Shop (hereafter PS). Chuck discussed the strengths of PSE, especially relative to PS, and described some its features, including the fact that files produced with PS are downward compatible with PSE. He also described some of the features of PSE that are not available in the current Windows version of PS, such as the ability of PSE to produce a pdf version slide show from PS images. He also noted that plug-ins for PS can be used as well with PSE. Finally, his presentation included a discussion of the tools available on PSE and a presentation of practical points to remember in using those tools with PSE.

Kathy Perrin called the business portion of the meeting to order. The business meeting of the board began with approval, subject to several revisions being made, of the draft minutes for the April, 2003 meeting of the board. The board also approved the treasurer's report presented by Bob Rott. This report showed a net balance in the club's checking account of \$2221.46. The board approved the treasurer's request for authority to monitor the club's bank account via online access. The board also approved the treasurer's request for authority to purchase new checks. Finally, the board approved the treasurer's request to establish an audit committee. Paul Howard, Chuck Roberts and Jorn Dakin volunteered to be on the committee.

The board engaged in a discussion of the feasibility of purchasing a Liquid Crystal Display projector for the club's use at its meetings. Various members of the club have investigated various places to buy such a projector, and which model would be best for the club's uses. It was determined not to buy such a projector at this time, but this discussion lead into a discussion of the club's finances.

The consensus was that the board should raise its dues and the price of the disk of the month in order to build up its cash reserves. A resolution was approved to raise the annual dues, starting with 2004, from \$22 to \$25, and to increase the price for the disk of the month from \$3 to \$4. The board also approved a motion to solicit contributions from the membership and visitors at future meetings in order to build up the cash reserves of the club for use in worthy club projects such as the LCD projector. Elayne Marciniak made an initial \$10.00 contribution toward this fund-raising effort.

It was the consensus of the board meeting that we hope that Bob Mason feels better soon.

The board meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jorn Dakin
Secretary