

**Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
June 19, 2004**

Board Meeting Attendance – Paul Howard, Jim Brueggeman, Bob Rott, Bob Mason, Geof Goodrum, Bill Walsh, John Neighborger, Scott Hanak

Minutes – Geof will send an e-mail to Jorn Dakin with suggested updates for the April minutes; updates were suggested for the May minutes.

Comments on General Meeting – Today’s PC Clinic “went great” with the Board giving a “Thank you very much” for the successful troubleshooting efforts of Scott Hanak during the clinic. A hard drive was changed out for Henry Kennedy; Ann Webster’s PC RAM problem was resolved and the Klez virus was discovered and removed from her machine; and Len Bacon’s computer was found to have a Trojan virus, which was thought to be successfully removed.

It was suggested that any miscellaneous presentations occurring during a PC Clinic meeting should be far removed from the PCs being repaired.

Attendance at General Meeting – 15, including guests Ann Webster and her friend. The Board wondered why meeting attendance has been lower the last few months. Bill Walsh offered that May’s attendance probably suffered due to the late meeting-date change imposed by the County Government Center. Jim Brueggeman said he would look at the membership survey results for possible clues.

Membership renewal status – There are 50 dues-paid members for 2004. Geof mentioned he had the membership renewal check for Mike ten Kate, to be given to the Treasurer at a future date.

Treasurer's Report/Other Financial Business – Bob Rott reports the checking account balance is \$2500.77; there is an outstanding check for \$199.19. Two checks were written from the account today. Receipts to the Treasurer today included \$25 for a full year membership, \$15 for a half-year membership, and \$8 for the sale of two PC Disks-of-the-Month.

Cursor Production – With the next meeting being July 17, the deadline for article submissions is July 1, with expected mailing of the newsletter to be July 8.

Website News – The Windows Disks-of-the-Month listings are now on the WAC website.

Old Business – Jorn was unavailable to comment on the status of the registered agent situation or the formal club name change. Paul is still trying to get in contact with the NCTCUG insurance agent, to secure an expected cheaper insurance rate for the LCD projector; an expected \$45 a year vs. a normal \$150 a year.

New Business – Concerning vendor liaison and the “Presentations-in-a-Box” program, Paul Howard mentioned how the Intel presentations at NCTCUG were rewarded with a new motherboard and CPU, suggesting WAC would benefit as well.

Bob Mason says his offer of 15 quantity P133 computers for door prizes appears to be moot. All but two have no hard drives and there are no CD-ROM drives, and Bob says this makes the computers unusable, and they will be difficult to get rid of. Chuck Roberts thinks he knows of a business in Vienna which will help Bob dispose of the computers free of charge.

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Geof Goodrum is working on getting a contact at O'Reilly books, a publisher of many computer related titles. Geof is hoping to establish a liaison to get some of their publications free or at least at a significant discount.

Bob Rott expressed interest in seeing the insurance policies used by WAC and NCTCUG, to compare differences and associated premiums.

Future Meetings – Paul Howard will verify by Monday that the Lawrence's are doing their presentation of Microsoft's Picture It, for the July meeting. Paul may have a website builder program for demo as a backup presentation.

The next meeting will be July 17 at the Micro Center computer store in the Pan Am shopping Center in Fairfax. General discussions were made to post appropriate arrow signs in the store to direct members to the meeting; Jim Brueggeman volunteered to provide these. (There are two paths, through doors to the far left of the store and using the hallway just past the restrooms in the back.) Bill Walsh will visit and take pictures of the store and meeting room, sending them to Paul Howard for use in the meeting's announcement. The meeting room will also be checked for internet access. We will call Valerie Sargent at Micro Center to confirm our meeting time.

For a future meeting, Bill Bailes is still expected to do a presentation of Quicken.

Submitted by Bill Walsh