

**Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
November 15, 2003**

Board Meeting Attendance – Kathy Perrin, Jim Brueggeman, Bob Rott, Paul Howard, Chuck Roberts, Bill Walsh.

Minutes – Amendments to correct/update names on August 16 and October 18 minutes will be made and forwarded to Paul Howard.

Comments on General Meeting – Good presentation of the features available on the 602 Pro office suite.

Attendance at General Meeting – 22

Treasurer's Report/Other Financial Business - Bob Rott reported a bank balance of **\$1979.52** which does not reflect two outstanding checks of \$39.69 and \$9.18, which makes the actual register balance as \$1930.65.

Bob received a \$225 personal check from Paul Howard, \$25 for 2004 membership renewal and a generous \$200 donation to WAC.

Bob Rott was also given \$57 by Jim Brueggeman for PC Disks of the Month donations. (19 disks x \$3 each; two free discs were also distributed.)

An e-mail is to be sent to Tammy Barbee to resolve her membership overpayment. If she wants, she can simply send \$14 as a balance payment of 2004 membership dues.

Cursor Production – With the next meeting being December 13, the deadline for article submissions will be November 27.

Old Business – Paul Howard is checking with the Fairfax County Government Center about availability of rooms for WAC meetings in 2004.

Kathy Perrin is to check with Bob Mason about the CLCP donation in recognition of Jim Spurlock and getting the WAC logo for use by other members.

New Business – The efforts for 501(c)(3) re-affirmation were successful and we received the letter this week from the IRS. Paul Howard was sent copies of these documents, which he has submitted to the Verizon Foundation for consideration to give WAC a financial grant. This grant would match Paul's \$200 donation plus an additional \$500. Paul said the grant should happen around April, 2004.

A recent issue of PC World talks about video projectors, some of which have attached video cameras. For our search for a club projector it was mentioned that we need to make sure it will handle 800x600 resolution natively. We are looking for a machine similar to the video projector we were able to borrow at Verizon, which is a Sharp Notevision PG-C30XU.

Kathy was asked to make sure the newsletter noted that the \$25 membership renewals for 2004 be sent to Geof Goodrum. The question was also asked if Geof was WAC's official APCUG representative.

To generate additional funds, it was suggested that the price of the Disk of the Month be raised from \$3 to \$4.

Discussions occurred about what to charge in 2004 for the half-year's dues; it was suggested that instead of half the 2004 dues (\$12.50) the club might charge \$13 for the half-year, as an incentive for someone to go for a full year membership. Since this implied tracking of the actual payment dates made by members, with the associated complications, the Board decided to table the idea at this time.

Per the discussion about a voucher for re-imburements, Paul Howard was going to send a possible design to Bill Walsh.

For the recent Digital Expo sponsored by WRC-Channel 4, Kathy Perrin mentioned that the CPCUG had a table there and sold many memberships, suggesting we consider doing the same at the next Expo with possible giveaway of free Disks of the Month.

It was mentioned that Elizabeth Staid attended the meeting today. She is a potential new member and she told someone she had a new second computer but did not know how to "move the cables" to the new machine.

Judy Karinshak has been named to be in charge of the Board Nominating Committee for next year's elections. Kathy Perrin is going to call Jorn Dakin to verify he wants to be club Secretary next year.

A possible survey of club members is being considered for the January meeting to find out the members likes and dislikes.

Future Meetings – Paul Howard gave handouts copied from another user group which had a large number of suggested meeting topics we could consider.

December's meeting will be the computer clinic; January's meeting will be a genealogy presentation by Chuck Roberts.

Considerations for later meetings include Zone Alarm, computer "toys," and a scanner demonstration; Chuck Roberts mentioned he may want to show off a slide/negative scanner he got last month.