

**Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 2007**

Meeting start – 429PM

Board Meeting Attendance – P. Howard, J. Brueggeman, B. Rott, B. Walsh, G. Goodrum, C. Roberts

Comments on General Meeting – Lorrin Garson did a presentation on travel photography challenges; Chuck Roberts' did a presentation on digital camera RAW format handling and digital asset management. Both presentations went well, "were fantastic," but the large amount of content of both caused the general meeting to run long. Timekeeping techniques, including a "time cop," were discussed to improve this situation.

Attendance at General Meeting – 24 (20 members plus 4 guests)

WAC memberships – 47 (same as last month)

Minutes – November, 2006: Bob Rott gave figures for correction, minutes approved and will be amended and re-sent. **March, 2007:** Corrections submitted, minutes to be amended and re-sent. **April, 2007:** Corrections submitted, minutes to be amended and re-sent. Paul Howard said he will try to recover the missing **August, 2006** minutes from three sets of notes he has from that meeting. Paul also asked that the minutes' format be revised, with the titling centered at the top and the minutes' author posted at the bottom.

Financial Business – Current WACUG checking account balance is **\$1735.00**, Projector Replacement Fund is **\$801.36**. Even though it has reached its set goal amount, the Projector Replacement Fund will still be referenced in future minutes, as a reserved item. A Certificate of Deposit incorporating the Projector Replacement Fund still needs to be opened. (If we suddenly need to buy a projector, we can "break" the CD.)

Today's Receipts of **\$33.00** were given to Treasurer Bob Rott, which included the following:
\$0 membership dues + **\$0** PC discs + **\$3.00** Linux discs + **\$0** miscellaneous + **\$30.00** from the Pizza Sig at the end of the Board of Directors meeting.

Cursor Discussions – Article submissions to the Editor by May 31, expected mailing to members June 6. May Newsletter stats: 25 newsletters printed, 19 stamps used. An Office Depot discount resulted in a total newsletter cost of \$12.29, including taxes and stamps. There were no e-mail "bounces" for Cursor distribution this month. New postage rate of 41 cents goes into effect on Monday, May 14.

No change reported for Newsletter exchange activity.

Vendor Contacts - Gene Barlow has sent material we can use for our PC Clinic learning sessions in June: Preparing a hard drive for Vista OS, and hard drive backup using Acronis TrueImage software.

New Business – Paul suggested we make the "Disc of the Month" a periodic disc at this time. However, member Doug Smith will be contacted to see if he is interested in producing a software compilation disc for WAC.

Paul asked the Board what we as a group can offer to OLLI members, who would be receptive to teaching types of presentations.

Paul talked about the IRS exempt organization list, which they publish quarterly, and we should check that to verify that our exempt status is OK.

Future Meetings – Geof talked about a presentation of a “virtual worlds” website, at secondlife.org; he said he must check to see if the website is blocked by the FCGC network.

Bob Rott talked about software demonstrated at the APCUG conference called Spin It Again, which is used with a turntable.

For the June PC Clinic, Geof said he would add the activity of compiling a Linux kernel for Scot Hanak.

Meeting Adjournment – 605PM

BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh – WAC Secretary