Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 2002

Board Meeting Attendance – Kathy Perrin, Bob Mason, Geof Goodrum, Paul Howard, Chuck Roberts, Jorn Dakin, Bob Rott, Lu Spriggs, Jim Spurlock, Jim Brueggeman,  and Bill Walsh.

Minutes – The March minutes were approved without changes.

Comments on General Meeting – Geof Goodrum, Bob Mason, and Kathy Perrin shared presentations of various websites that offer merchandise price comparisons from several web merchants, with appropriate caveats about their varying shipping/handling charges and customer service. These were also our first presentations using the LAN internet connection, which worked well although not as fast as we had anticipated.
Attendance at General Meeting – 32.

Treasurer's Report/Other Financial Business - Bob Rott reported the club's latest account balance is $2812.70. Bob also reported expenses of $68.96 submitted by Jim Spurlock for newsletter charges; $50 for APCUG dues, sent out priority mail (and APCUG acknowledges receiving); $171 for the club's liability insurance from the Pantalone Agency/Erie Insurance Company. Two membership renewals totaling $44 went to Bob, including the renewal for one Lancer Cutlar. WAC disk sales today were for 16 PC Disks of the Month ($48), 3 Linux Disks of the Month ($9), and one 1995-1999 consolidated WAC DoM ($3), for a total of $60. The unusual membership renewal of Sy Weinstock of $23 was acknowledged without further disposition as being $1 more than the normal dues.

Cursor Production/Software Reviews – With the next meeting being May 18, the deadline for article submissions will be May 5. The list of outstanding software reviews is unchanged: 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 due by January Cursor); Microsoft TechNet CD (assigned to Jim Spurlock in November 2000, review due by February Cursor.)

New Business – Bob Mason mentioned he had two computers he wanted to dispose of, one a P133 laptop and the other a tower machine. Since the laptop is in reasonable shape, Bob wants to donate it as a special door prize and would like lots of publicity for the event; it was also stressed that the drawing for the laptop should be for WAC members only. It was decided that the tower machine would probably become a donation to CLCP.

A presentation about assembling computers was again discussed with no firm plan on when this may occur.

To help members get more out of the general meetings, it was mentioned that the demonstrators should repeat audience questions for all to hear, with the possibility of augmenting presentations with an audio system.

It was also agreed that the monthly meetings would now officially end at 3:30PM.

Next Meeting Subjects – For the May meeting, Geof Goodrum will demonstrate his Sharp Zaurus PDA. Bob Mason wants to demonstrate video-capture hardware and software but needs to verify workability first; he will let Geof know in a week so Geof could submit the meeting info to the Washington Post.

The computer clinic and swap meet will be held in June. The subject for July's meeting will be mapping software and GPS, being presented by Bill Walsh and possibly Len Bacon and others as the presentations shape up.