

Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
August 17, 2002

Board Meeting Attendance – Kathy Perrin, Bob Mason, Lu Spriggs, Geof Goodrum, Bob Rott, Jim Spurlock, Bill Walsh.

Minutes – No printed copies of the July minutes were available for review; no amendments were discussed at this time.

Comments on General Meeting –The NCTCUG P.A. system loaned to WAC by Paul Howard was considered a significant enhancement for the great presentations by Bob Mason and Geof Goodrum. The meeting went long again, to 4 P.M., and was followed by the awarding of the club's most significant door prize, the retired Zenon P133 laptop computer.

Attendance at General Meeting – 21.

Treasurer's Report/Other Financial Business - Bob Rott reported the club's latest account balance as of July 31 was \$2289.53. Bob was given \$22 for two memberships received today, plus \$30 for disk sales (7 x \$3 ea. for PC August DOM, 2 x \$3 ea. for PC July DOM, 1 x \$3 ea. for PC May/June DOM.) Bob gave Kathy two checks for reimbursement of Cursor expenses, \$31.87 for printing and \$22.44 for postage.

Cursor Production – With the next meeting being September 21, the deadline for article submissions will be September 8.

Software Reviews – Bob Mason wants to evaluate new CD-burner software from Stomp Software and possibly offer a review of this product.

Website News – With the Cursor unavailable this month, it was particularly significant for the door prize announcement to appear on the website. It reinforced the importance of having future meeting topics and other information get to Paul Howard well in advance, so it can appear as early as possible on the website.

New Business – To make the P.A. system easier to use during presentations, the Board authorized Bill Walsh to find an alternative to the "gameshow host" microphone that had to be continuously held by today's presenters. An around-the-neck lavalier, possibly being wireless, would be ideal. Bill Walsh will research this with Paul Howard's input and e-mail the Board with details and pricing before we settle on a new microphone.

The WRC Digital Edge Expo is being held at the MCI Center on September 7 & 8 and there was general discussion about WAC members attending and distributing WAC flyers, such as the tri-fold fluorescent flyers created earlier by Bob Mason.

Future Meetings – September is scheduled to be a presentation of Photoshop 7 and optical scanning by Kathy Perrin. She is trying to cope with a computer failure but believes it should be

OK for the presentation.

October is still scheduled to be a presentation of MP3 and MIDI music by Bob Mason, to be held again at the St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Centreville .

November may still have the presentation of the Xybernaut “wearable” computer system. Bob Mason mentioned that Xybernaut recently donated two "xybersuits" to the CLCP organization. Computer gaming was also suggested for November.

December will be another computer clinic with an evaluation of whether this activity will be continued, due to low turnout. The swap meet function has already been nil for a while and will not be conducted in December. Geof is also expected to be on hand for the "Linux clinics" he has done in the past.