Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
July 20, 2002

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

Minutes – The June minutes were approved without amendment.

Comments on General Meeting – The audio system used during the presentation was helpful. Bob Mason was going to check for an additional microphone for a second audio input. (Paul Howard said he may have a usable system available for us to try.)

Attendance at General Meeting – 32.

Treasurer's Report/Other Financial Business - Bob Rott reported the club's latest account balance as of June 28 was $2342.89. Bob was given checks for one membership at $22, plus $57 for disk sales (2 x $3 ea. for Linux July DOM, 1 x $5 ea. for Linux Red Hat 7.3, 1 x $3 ea. for PC March/April DOM, 6 x $3 ea. for PC May/June DOM, 7 x $3 ea. for PC July DOM, 1 x $4 ea. for PC-2000 DOM), for a new-funds total of $79. However, it was found that the mid-year changeover to $11 dues had already occurred and it was decided that $11 would be refunded to today's membership subscriber, Bill Svetlich, and another member, Mr. Porter.

Cursor Production – With the next meeting being August 17, the deadline for article submissions will be August 3.

Software Reviews – Since Chuck Roberts reviewed Power Quest's Drive Image 2002, it was decided a copy of the July Cursor should be sent to Power Quest. In appreciation, Power Quest usually sends software discount forms for their products; someone also mentioned they would try to find and disseminate the software discount code for Power Quest.

Website News – Paul Howard and Chuck Roberts are working to add internet links to some of the more popular hardware and software sites on the web, such as Tom's Hardware.

Old Business – Kathy was looking again for ideas related to club promotion, such as T-shirts and mousepads with the WAC logo.

New Business – The door prize for the August meeting will be the club's old laptop computer. Bob Mason says we will have the drawing for this special offering at the end of the August meeting, at 3:30 PM.

Future Meetings – August will be a presentation by Bob Mason of various web browser plug-ins (Adobe Acrobat, QuickTime, Shockwave, Flash, etc.) and other core/useful utilities, the "Swiss Army knives" of software tools, with mention of software utilities to be avoided as well. Geof mentioned he may also bring in his Tivo video recorder for a demo.

September is scheduled to be a presentation of Photoshop 7 and optical scanning.

October is tentatively scheduled to be a presentation of MP3 and MIDI music by Bob Mason.

November was suggested by Bob Mason for the Xybernaut "wearable" computer system; other meeting suggestions were gaming software (internet gaming is becoming increasingly popular), and gift ideas for the December holidays (Zaurus-style PDAs, GPS and map-software items, assorted software goodies.) Geof mentioned he was going to Comdex again, which may provide an opportunity for another short meeting presentation.