

Minutes of August 21, 2004 (as amended)
Board of Directors Meeting of Washington Area Computer Users Group

The meeting was convened at approximately 4:20 PM at the Pizza Hut at the intersection of Route 29 and Route 50 in Fairfax City.

Present were Chuck Roberts, Paul Howard, Bob Rott, Bill Walsh, Bob Mason, Jim Brueggeman, Geof Goodrum, John Neighbarger and Jorn Dakin.

The members approved the minutes for the two previous meetings of the board. President Paul Howard also requested that it be noted in the minutes that Lloyd Johnson is to do a review of the book "PC Annoyances" published by the O'Reilly company, while Bob Lawrence is to do a review of the book on digital photography provided to the club by the O'Reilly company.

Concerning the publication cycle for the next issue of the Cursor, it was noted that the announced dates for submission of articles are o.k. A further discussion ensued of the possibility of a special short edition of the Cursor for distribution at the meeting to be held at the DC Convention Center. It was agreed that such an edition would be prepared, as well as the regular September 2004 edition of the Cursor.

Further discussion took place of the upcoming special meeting of the club to be held at the DC Convention Center in connection with a computer information exposition. There was discussion of whether to distribute copies of the Disk of the Month at the special meeting or from the booth that the club is to maintain. There was also discussion of a display banner for the club that will be prepared and shown at the meeting. The cost of the banner is to be approximately \$81.00. Paul Howard is to solicit opinion from the club via e-mail as to the wording to be used on the banner. As to the September 2004 Disk of the Month, it was agreed that this disk, but not others, would be given to new members who join at the expo.

The discussion then moved on to the August 21, 2004 meeting, devoted to a presentation by Bob Mason on internet frauds and scams. There was general agreement that the meeting had been a good one, with audience interest and distribution of useful information. Discussion then turned to the program to be included in the club meeting to be held at the DC Convention Center. It was agreed that Geof Goodrum would make a short presentation on wireless networking. At this point, Jorn Dakin had to leave the meeting. Bill Walsh graciously agreed to take notes, and subsequently gave these notes to Jorn, who prepared this set of minutes from those notes along with his own notes.

Paul Howard raised the question of why attendance at club meetings has been down, and requested suggestions from those present. Bob Mason commented that while attendance in the years past has been substantially higher, he thought that computer users did not need a club such as WAC as much as they had previously. Chuck Roberts raised the idea of comments or questions and answers about specific areas of interest.

The discussion then turned to the vinyl banner to be constructed for the digital expo display of the club. Paul mentioned that he will obtain the banner from a store near his house.

On other miscellaneous topics, Paul noted that NCTCUG will have a presentation on Wednesday, August 25th on E-Bay. Paul also reported on progress in obtaining satisfactory insurance coverage for the projector jointly owned with NCTCUG.

The October meeting of the club is to feature a presentation on Quicken by Bill Bailes. This club meeting is to be held at Micro Center. Discussion of the November meeting ensued. It is possible that some of the presentation kits provided by Intel may be used as the basis for a program. Chuck Roberts is to check on how this project is developing. It was suggested that a future program might include a 10 to 20 minute presentation on Zip/PKware.

The point was made, based on the results from the club member survey, that the club needs to remind people at the meeting about the board meeting normally held at a Pizza Hut after the regular meeting.

A general discussion ensued of preparations for the September meeting at the DC Convention Center. It was pointed out that there needs to be coordination of how individual members will bring in needed items for the club booth and meeting. It was stated that power at the booth will cost the club about \$118.00. Bob Mason is to investigate further what items may be needed at the club booth. There was a discussion of the trifold handouts for the expo. This discussion included the costs of printing and folding the handout, as well as how many to print. It was pointed out that the year needs to be removed from the handout in order to make the text generic. Bob Mason is to take care of the printing.

Jim Brueggeman moved that for the future the club should require a donation of \$4.00 for the current disk of the month for non-members, and \$3.00 for members. This motion was approved.

Concerning planning for future meetings, Bill Walsh is to check with the Fairfax County Government about reservations for meeting rooms for meetings in 2005. Jim Brueggeman is to talk with Valerie Sargent at Micro Center about the October meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.