Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Washington Area Computer User Group

April 16, 2005

The meeting convened at approximately 4:45 PM at the Pizza Hut at the intersection of Route 29 and Route 50 in Fairfax.

Board Members present were Paul Howard, Jim Brueggeman, Bob Rott, Chuck Roberts, Bob Mason, and Geof Goodrum. John Neighbarger was a guest.

The Board approved the March 2005 Minutes with corrections.

The April meeting attendance was 21, including one guest. Everyone stayed for the entire meeting, which included a presentation by Bob Mason on managing personal finances with a spreadsheet and a video report by Geof Goodrum on the APCUG Annual Meeting and Consumer Electronics Show. There was a problem getting color output from the laptop to the screen; we need better understanding of the video projector configuration.

Geof Goodrum reported that the membership is 47, with no changes since last month.

Bob Rott provided the Treasurer's Report and received $21 from PC CD donations. The registered account balance is $1,632.51. Geof Goodrum will try to find a WACUG check that he has not cashed. Paul Howard contributed $12 to WACUG from the "Pizza SIG." Paul Howard will coordinate with Bill Bailes on a meeting of the Audit Committee in late May.

Newsletter articles are due May 5 with a mailing date of May 12.

Bob Mason has the O'Reilly Books *PC Annoyances* and *Linux for Non-Geeks* for review. Bill Bailes has *Knoppix Hacks.*

Chuck Roberts described User Group benefits from the O'Reilly Safari program.

The Board discussed the Intel Build-A-PC presentation in a box as a possibility for the June meeting. However, it requires someone to purchase a $1000 computer kit from PC Club. Bob Mason will review the Build a PC price list for reasonability. An alternative for June is the usual PC repair/upgrade session and a tutorial on how to use Knoppix to fix computer problems. Geof does not have experience fixing Windows systems with Knoppix, but Bill Bailes has the O'Reilly book on the subject. Bob Mason and Bill Walsh will contact Fairfax County about a demonstration of their Geographic Information System (GIS).

Paul Howard distributed a statement in writing from the insurance agent that the video projector is insured, but there is no bill, yet.

The Board accepted Jim Brueggeman's generous donation to WACUG of a Dell Inspiron 1100 laptop (Serial Number 6HJMM31) with software and peripherals. However, the 128MB of RAM installed results in sluggish performance with MS Windows XP Home. Bob Mason will

look for a compatible 512MB memory upgrade at a local computer show and provide the Board with pricing by e-mail for approval before purchase. Bob will also take WACUG's Toshiba Satellite 2805 laptop for additional diagnosis on the file corruption problem.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Geof Goodrum