

**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of Washington Area Computer Users Group
November 19, 2005.**

The meeting was convened at approximately 4:00 PM at the Pizza Hut at the intersection of Lee Highway and Gallows Road in Merrifield. Present were Paul Howard, Bill Walsh, Geoff Goodrum, Chuck Roberts, Jim Brueggeman, Bob Mason and Jorn Dakin. The minutes of the December 2004 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Bob Rott presented his report. The balance in the checking account as of the date of the meeting was \$599.79, and the balance in the depreciation/replacement account for the projector was \$467.46. Bob wrote out a single check for \$50.00 to Jorn Dakin, representing \$25 compensation to Jorn for the rechartering fee paid by Jorn at the end of 2004 for 2005, and another \$25 to cover the fee payable to the Virginia Corporation Commission for rechartering for 2006.

Geof Goodrum reported that membership roster as of the meeting date stood at 52, while 21 members have renewed their membership for 2006. Geoff also reported donations to the club of cash of \$85.00. Attendance at the meeting was 28.

Jim Bruggeman reported that one Windows Disk of the Month had been given pursuant to new member policies, and that two Linux disks had also been given.

Scheduling for production of the December issue of the Cursor was discussed.

The consensus was that the meeting at the conference room of Micro Center had been reasonably successful, with the presentation on home networking by Chuck Roberts, and the first half of the program on building your own PC presented by Paul Howard, and obtained from Intel Corporation.

Following the discussion of the day's membership meeting program, a discussion ensued of possible future programs. The December 10, 2005 meeting is to feature Paul Howard with part 2 of the "Building your own PC" program from Intel. Future possible programs discussed included more material on networking along with topics concerning Fairfax County's use of the Global Positioning System technology.

Concerning old business, a further discussion of insurance coverage for the projector ensued. Also discussed were the need to obtain a more exact citation in past minutes to WAC approval of equipment loan and sharing arrangements with NCTCUG. Paul Howard also mentioned the need to obtain as complete a set of minutes from prior meetings for purposes of archiving them on the club's web page.

As to new business, several items were addressed. A clarifying change in the club bylaws was discussed and passed. Paul Howard queried as to which current officers were willing to serve in 2006, and obtained consent of all current officers to serve another term. Following these items of new business, a lengthy discussion ensued as to the club's financial position. Paul pointed out that the

financial trend for the club in 2005 was in a negative direction, with expenses consistently exceeding income. Several persons discussed possible ways to deal with the cost of postage for mailing the Cursor, especially in view of the rise in postage rates that is to take place in 2006. One possibility mentioned, with further discussion to ensue at the next board meeting, was to distribute the Cursor in a strictly electronic format.

Chuck Roberts reported on production of the next issue of the Cursor.

Having no other business to consider, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6.00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jorn Dakin
Secretary