

HAL-PC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2004 MEETING

Attendance:

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Fernando Bobbio

* Joe Brown

Tim L. Burgess

* Barbara B. Coleman

Dell W. Coleman

* Steven Cravey

David Crook

* David Dillard

Donald Earl Dillard

Larry Dillard

* Scott Doctor

Victor Elgohary

David (Mark) Flato

Fred Fuchs

* Al Green

Robert Gunn

* John Pohlman

Cathy Sharp

Anne Sipes

Robert W. Thomas

Jay K. Thomas

Brian Walters

* Reuben K. Wilson

The regular monthly meeting of the HAL-PC Board of Directors was held the evening of July 20th, 2004 at HAL-PC's headquarters. Robert Gunn, President, acted as chair and called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. Wesley L. Leggett acted as recording secretary pro tempore.

Outstanding conflict of interest statements and permission-to-email Board Packet letters were collected from those present.

Robert reported on his trip to Dallas from the ninth to the eleventh of July regarding the CAP program.

A discussion regarding Carl Mann's progress followed the president's report.

Victor Elgohary made a motion to suspend payment to Mr. Mann. Robert stated that the motion was out of order during his report.

Robert called for the (VP SIG) report.
Larry Dillard stated that he had nothing to report.

Robert called for the (VP Communications) report. Jay Thomas read his report and added that the on-line magazine was up. (see attachment)

Anne Sipes asked Larry Dillard if he was aware that education was under his department. She pointed out that September was education month and that there would be many events dedicated to teaching LINUX. She also stated that Fernando Bobbio would be offering some SIGs in Spanish. She also said that there will be discounted classes for members. Fernando Bobbio added that there would be free classes for members.

David Crook asked if the free classes would only be for members.
Anne Sipes asked if there was any objection to opening to free classes to non-members as well for the month of September. None was heard. Fernando Bobbio did suggest that it should be restricted to no more than one free class per non-member.

Robert called for the treasurer's report. Marie Jones presented the report in treasurer Al Greene's absence. She also added that for the month of June, HAL-PC should be in the black by one thousand dollars.

***** NOTE: this report is presently a separate item in power point format *****

Robert Gunn reported that a budget meeting had been held and actions were underway to further reduce HAL-PC's cost of providing service but that the contracts had not been signed yet. He felt that HAL-PC should "be in the black" by thirty thousand dollars for next year.

Robert Gunn called for the membership report. Brian Walters read his report. (see attachment)

Robert Gunn asked if there were any corrections or additions to last month's minutes. None were heard. Jay Thomas made a motion and a second was heard to approve the minutes. The motion was passed by acclamation.

Robert Gunn asked Tim Burgess to summarize the meeting with Jody Blazic regarding the asset valuation of HAL-PC's networking business. Tim Burgess delivered a brief report and answered several related questions.

David Crook asked why the board meetings were being held at 7:30. Robert stated that that was what the board had decided.

Victor Elgohary made, and a second was heard for the following motion.

Motion:

I would suspend Mr. Mann's payment until a market report is given and the board approves the report.

Robert called for a show of hands.

The motion passed with the vote of nine for and five against.

A debate ensued regarding the just passed motion resulting in the following motion.

Brian Walters made, and a second was heard for the following alternate motion.

Motion:

We will suspend Mr. Mann's September first and future advances pending review of a report that is to contain a plan to implement, market projection, and information as to how much money, how many people, how to do it, and we void the previous motion.

Robert called for a show of hands.

The motion passed with the vote of thirteen for and one against.

Robert asked if he heard a motion to adjourn. Brian Walters made the motion and a second was heard.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15

Attachments:

Vice-President/Communications Report
to the HAL-PC Board of Directors
July 20th, 2004

Internet

As of Monday, the 19th of July, there were approximately 5,363 users of the HALNet system. Of that number, approximately 781 are users of our ADSL service, an increase of 19 over the number in service as of my last report to the HAL-PC Board of Directors, in June. Additionally, over 2,140 of our users are taking advantage of the e-mail virus and spam protection service, up from 2,111 as of the 19th of June. Regrettably, we sustained a net loss of 51 HALNet user accounts since my last report.

I would like to point out, however, that the average rate of HALNet subscriber loss, over the last 4 months is lower than the rate of subscriber loss over the last fiscal year so there appears to be something of a “levelling out” trend.

The HAL-PC Magazine

The July 2004 issue of the HAL-PC Magazine, complete with cartoons and thumbnail photos of your favorite columnists is available on the HAL-PC website at:
http://www.hal-pc.org/journal/2004/04_july/index.html

Advertising

No advertising has been placed since the last meeting of the Board of Directors. I request that all Directors please take it upon themselves to promote HAL-PC and its myriad & various services at every opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Thomas / Vice-President Communications

Membership Report:

Membership count
7/19/4 7509
6/19/4 7611 -102
5/19/4 7696 -187
4/19/4 7802 -293
7/19/3 8792 -1283

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Walters / Vice-President Membership