

HAL-PC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2004 MEETING

Attendance

* indicates not present

F.Bobbio	Don Dillard	J.Pohlman
J.Brown	L.Dillard	C.Sharp
T.Burgess	*S.Doctor	*A.Sipes
B.Coleman	V.Elgothary	R.Thomas
D.Coleman	D.Flato	J.Thomas
*S.Cravey	F.Fuchs	B.Walters
*D.Crook	A.Greene	R.Wilson
*D.Dillard	R. Gunn	

Robert called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. with a quorum present.

Marilyn presented the election committee's results:

There were 18 candidates running for 13 positions. There were:
128 online votes, 9 valid mail-in votes, and 3 invalid mail-in ballots.

Robert introduced the board members that were present. Brian pointed out that 1.97% of the membership voted. The issue of a low turnout was discussed. Barbara called for the Conflict of interest statements from the Board Members present. All were received.

Discussion ensued about Carl Mann's activities in the CAP program. Robert Gunn stated that he paid Carl \$1000 out of personal funds. Larry Dillard moved that we fund Carl Mann until the end of the calendar year. Robert Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was : 1 against, 1 abstention, 1 non-voting, 13 for. The motion passed.

Jay Thomas presented the Communications Report (attached). Marilyn was asked to announce in big letters about electronic publishing of magazine. Robert will send email about the web version of the magazine.

Victor presented the Treasurer's Report. He then recapped the year. Fernando commented on advertising being put upon the HAL-PC boards. He takes them down and turns them into the office.

Victor mentioned that the books are not completely closed.

*Revenue - flat from last year

*ADSL= 369,000 which is 9,000 above plan

*HAL-Net Revenue is flat from last year

Expenses

*All costs came in under budget- reduced costs by 27% yet the reserves are being depleted.

Conclusions

- *costs have been reduced
- *slowed revenue decline
- *Revenue base continues to decline

Victor continued his report, discussing issues that will need to be addressed by an ad-hoc committee appointed by Robert. There is much clarification that needs to be resolved by the committee before anything can be fully discussed. The issue at hand is the relationship of HALNet to the total organization, HAL-PC.

Barbara made a motion to have the President staff an ad-hoc committee to study the situation and report to the Board by the next Board Meeting. Reuben seconded the motion. Unanimous passage.

As part of his revenue focus, Victor suggested that we create a recruiting incentive for members to get new members. There may be by-laws issues. We could give one month of HAL-Net dial-up free. There was discussion about this. Robert pointed out that this has been approved, and currently we need someone to put the program together. We could announce the program in the next issue of the magazine and send an email announcement to the HAL-NET users. Jeff will have this done by the next Board Meeting.

Victor continued with his revenue focus. The next idea was a charge a use fee- if you show up for the meeting-the user should pay a use fee. He suggested that we consider giving the membership a choice between increasing membership fees or charging a \$5 user fee.

Brian reported that we have 7610 members which was down 85 from May. Lets give something. We have to sell HAL-PC based on what it can do for you. Fernando explained that there is a language issue as well. Suggestions about getting ads put in the newspaper were made. The United Way Map program was dropped until the current issues are resolved.

Board Elections:

Dell nominated Robert for President: Elected by Acclamation

Dell nominated Larry Dillard for Vice President of SIGs: Elected by Acclamation

Brian nominated Jay Thomas for Vice President of Communications: Elected by Acclamation

Dell nominated Mark Flato for Vice President of Programming: Elected by Acclamation

Fernando nominated Brian Walters for Vice President of Membership: Elected by Acclamation

Treasurer:

Al Greene nominated by Dell (9 votes)

Victor Elgohary nominated by Brian Walter (4 votes) Tim seconded

Mark Flato nominated Barbara Coleman for Recording Secretary: Elected by Acclamation

Motion to approve Special Interest groups by Larry Dillard: approved by Acclamation

Motion to approve the Minutes of the last meeting by Reuben: approved by Acclamation

Adjournment at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Coleman