Unapproved minutes of the December 6th, 2001 Board of Directors Meeting.

HOUSTON AREA LEAGUE OF PC USERS, INC.
MINUTES OF December 6th, 2001
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
4543 Post Oak Place
Houston, Texas

Any corrections, changes, additions to these minutes will be
noted in the next month's minutes when the minutes are approved
by the Board.

ATTENDEES:

Officers

President Robert Gunn
First Vice President - SIGs Mike Mashburn
Vice President - Communications Jay Thomas
Vice President - Programs Josie Duffey   Absent
Treasurer Wes Leggett
Membership Secretary Marvin Kaiser   Absent
Recording Secretary Anne Sipes

Directors:

Michelle Annis
Norman Blaylock   Absent
Bret Branon   Absent
Joe A. Brown
John P. Chambers   Absent
Stephen Cravey   Absent
Scott Doctor
William A Goetschius
Monte Goodman
Robert P Grefe
Donald McGowan   Absent
Joseph E Morris Jr
Mike Novominsky   Absent
Sharon O'Fiel
David R. Pausky   Absent
Brian Sadler   Absent

Parliamentarian: Marilyn Gore

1   **i.   CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM**

2   Bob Grefe made a motion (**motion 120101**) to approve the minutes of the November
3   5th Board of Directors Meeting.

4   The motion passed.

5   Bob Grefe made a motion (**motion 120102**) to approve the minutes of the November
6   17th Board of Directors Meeting.

7   The motion passed.

8   **II.   REPORTS**

9   The President reported that HALNet is now offering a virus scanning service to e-mail
10   customers. He reported 79 subscriptions to the service. Monte Goodman asked if
11   HAL-PC would make a profit on each of those subscriptions. The President
12   responded that we would have to sell a certain number of subscriptions before we
13   would hit the break-even point. He did not have the number immediately available.

14   Monte Goodman stated that he had subscribed to the service and that he liked it. He
15   said that it had already caught two viruses.

16   The President then reported that he and others had met with a representative of the
17   Explorer Scouts on December 5th, 2001. He stated that we are doing our best to get
18   something kicked off. He stated that we would be working with the Spring Branch
19   ISD Technology Explorer Post.

20   Scott Doctor stated that his daughter's school has a technology committee. He said
21   that he would like to see that incorporated into this program.

22   The President stated that the Explorer Posts are co-ed. He asked Scott Doctor to meet
23   with him after the Board Meeting.

24   The VP SIGs did not offer a report. He called for questions.

25   The President asked if the SIG Leaders were aware of the reduced hours during the
26   holidays.

27   The VP SIGs reported that he had tried to let everyone know. He stated that there
28   was one more group of SIG Leaders that he would need to notify.

29   The VP Communications offered his report (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

30   He stated that the Magazine would be doing articles on the Explorer Post to help
31   ensure its success.

32   Monte Goodman asked if it was costing $50 to set up each aDSL customer right now.

33   The VP Communications reported that he had gotten the $50 per setup fee waived
34   because Southwestern Bell had failed to provide the interface required for us to do our
35   own aDSL setup

36   The VP Programs did not provide a report.

37   The Treasurer offered his report (**ATTACHMENT 2**).

38   Monte Goodman asked if we had removed the money from the Greater Houston
39   Community Foundation.

40   The Treasurer reported that the money had not been removed yet. He stated that he
41   expected that it would be removed before the next Board meeting.

42   Joe Morris Jr. reported that we had ended November with 10,911 members and that
43   we had begun December with 10,641 members. He reported that it looked like we
44   were closing down on the HALNet numbers. Of the 270 members that were lost only
45   40 were HALNet subscribers. He reported that about 70% of our membership is
46   HALNet subscribers.

47   The Audit Committee was not represented and did not offer a report.

48   Mike Mashburn offered the Rules Committee Report.

49   Monte Goodman encouraged the Board to familiarize themselves with the proposed
50   bylaws. He stated that it was important that we not give out wrong information.

51   The President suggested that the Board plan a dress rehearsal before the Rules
52   Committee begins it's Town Hall Meetings with the members.

53   Monte Goodman suggested that we put up a banner in each of the SIG rooms to let
54   members know about the planned discussion meetings.

55   The President added former HAL-PC Presidents Carla Cawlfield and Ralph Roddy to
56   the Rules Committee.

57   The Board approved the change in committee membership.

58   John Chambers reported that the Product Distribution Committee was working on
59   bringing the inventory up to date. He said that the inventory software was working
60   well.

61   Mike Mashburn added that we had donated two pc's to Toys for Tots.

62   Anne Sipes made a motion to appoint Scott Doctor to represent HAL-PC as the HAL-
63   PC liaison to the National Center for Non Profit Boards. (**motion 120103**)

64   The motion passed.

65   Robert Grefe made a motion (**motion 120104**) to adjourn.

66   The December 6th, 2001 Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

67   Respectfully Submitted,
68   Anne Sipes
69   Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

Vice-President/Communications Report
to the HAL-PC Board of Directors
December 6th, 2001

Internet

We currently have approximately 7,806 users on the HALNet system, a
net decrease of 40 since my last report to you on November 5th. Of
that number, approximately 367 are users of our ADSL service with
orders for at least 5 more currently pending. Our non-commercial ADSL
service offering continues to be cost-competitive with other area
ADSL service providers, inherently more friendly to those wishing to
connect more than one computer (up to 3) to the service and somewhat
simpler to install as we do not require our users to install any
special proprietary software. In addition, we offer carry-in
connection & setup assistance, on a by-appointment basis.

Our Internal network reorganization which became necessary due to
growth of the public Internet to which we are connected is nearing
completion.

The Magazine

The HAL-PC Magazine continues to be our best "calling card" and
introduction to the organization for new and prospective members as
well as an attractive and valuable resource to current members. I
would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have taken
the time & trouble contribute articles to the HAL-PC Magazine over
the past year.

As of the December mailing, we mailed out 10,604 copies of The HAL-PC
Magazine to our members. Additionally over 250 copies are distributed
to our retail advertisers who make them available to their customers.
Many copies are read by the entire family so our actual readership is
a good bit higher.

Advertising

No new advertising has been placed since my last report. Cooperative
advertising arrangements with other nonprofit organizations are
currently under investigation.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Thomas / Vice-President Communications

ATTACHMENT 2

HAL-PC Treasurer's Report December 6th, 2001

At the time of this writing, December 6, HAL-PC has a balance of $171,881 in the Bank of America cash account. There is an outstanding item in the amount of $80,000 to transfer funds to HAL-PC's Prudential Money Market account in order to reduce the amount in the Bank of America account to within the FDIC-insured $100,000 limit on corporate accounts as well as to begin earning interest on the $80,000.

We are testing a programmer-friendly credit card processing interface in conjunction with our efforts to automate our office procedures.

Anne Sipes has offered to provide a web interface to her volunteer hour tracking software that is presently being used to track the front desk hours. This should reduce the effort involved in collection and reduction of this information over the entirety of the organization. Many thanks to Anne.

Respectfully submitted,
Wesley L. Leggett, Treasurer