

DALLAS TI HOME COMPUTER GROUP

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Meetings: 7:00pm, 3rd Friday each month
At Northlake College, Room B-206, Irving, Texas

President: Rod Paulson — Secretary: Doyle Kelly
Treasurer: Gene Williams — Editor: Robert Lee Hoffpauer

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*** ELECTION NOTICE ***

Officers for the year 1984 will be elected at this month's meeting. If you are a currently paid up member, you are invited to attend and cast your vote personally. If you are a currently paid up member you should have received a proxy card with this newsletter. If you cannot attend the next meeting we ask that you please return your proxy card (signed and dated) in order that the election be conducted properly. If you cannot attend, please mail your proxy today so that it will arrive in time, to: Dallas TI Home Computer Group, P. O. Box 422, Wylie, Texas 75098.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rod Paulson, President & Chairman

At the November meeting, a nominating committee was appointed and given the responsibility of assuring that there would be candidates for each of four positions. The nominating committee (with special mention of the efforts of Gene Williams) were able to solicit at least one nomination for each office, and two nominations for president. In addition, nominations from the floor, during the meeting, will be encouraged. The nominees selected by the committee are:

PRESIDENT Robert Bayne - Tom Damura

VICE-PRESIDENT Matt Hamrick

SECRETARY Richard Roberts

TREASURER Earl Bullock

Our thanks to all committee members and to the candidates who have volunteered to guide our organization for the next year.

LAST MONTH:

The November meeting was spent discussing the announcement that TI was discontinuing production of the 99/4A. Ironically, this has spurred many new sales of the 99/4A, which may mean many new members for us. We also asked each person in attendance to stand up, introduce ourselves, and describe our interests and our systems. Doyle Kelly notified us that we would elect our 1984 officers at the December meeting, and pointed out that nominations were required before then. Volunteers to serve on a nominating committee were Don Fitchhorn, Gene Williams, Jim O'Flaherty, Richard Roberts and Rod Paulson. After the meeting, a group who were not yet ready to call it a night, met at the nearby Pizza Inn.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, 16 December, 1983

Elections, and whatever...be there.

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PRESIDENT'S REM: Robert Bayne

With the new year we also have a new group of officers for our club. As one of these new officers, I am sure that I speak for all of us when I ask for the patience and support of our membership as we assume the duties of our offices.

During the course of our January meeting I will be asking for volunteers to act as chairpersons for the following committees: program, recruitment, library, equipment, and education committees. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the activities of our club by chairing one of these committees. I personally place great emphasis upon expanding the activities of our program and education committees.

SECRETARY'S RECORD: Richard Roberts

Elections for 1984 officers were held during the December meeting. Doyle Kelly, standing in for the vacationing Rod Paulson, announced the selections made by the Nominating Committee, and opened the floor for further nominations. A motion was made, and approved, to add the name of Keith Althar for the position of Vice President. After further motions were closed, the voting took place, and Doyle announced the names of those nominees who were elected. The new officers are as follows:

- President - Robert Bayne
- Vice-President - Keith Althar
- Secretary - Richard Roberts
- Treasurer - Earl Bullock

Since each of these officers are new to their respective positions, I am sure I speak for everyone when I say that we not only need, but will actively solicit any suggestions or help that can be offered by club members in order to make continued operation of the club a great success.

After the election, the formal part of the meeting ended, and everyone broke up into various groups for discussions, and software previewing. As is quickly becoming habit, Jim O'Flaherty brought some newly released modules for us to preview. Also, some disk-based versions of certain new modules were brought by Doyle Kelly, and previewed. The quality of some of these games easily surpasses anything produced by TI to date.

The need for a Hospitality Chairman was brought up again, as Keith Althar indicated that he would like someone else to take over for him. He had previously volunteered for the position, "...through the end of the year." The established pattern of retiring to the Pizza Inn after the meetings will apparently continue until someone steps forward to offer help in this endeavor. This is an area which would not require a great deal of time or of effort, but can be crucial to helping create livelier, more enjoyable Friday evenings. Please contact Robert Bayne if you would like to help.

THE EDITOR/ASSEMBLER: Robert Hoffpauer

My appologies to those of you who did not receive last month's newsletter. Our newsletter seems to be jinxed, and I am the jinxee. My system is not working dependably, and I am typing this on a portable typewriter. We did send a newsletter out last month, however we were only able to send out half because a mailing list program was eaten for dinner.

Your newsletter gets out, even if I have to type it; and, your newsletter can be much more than just a meeting notice. If you have a question that you would like to have printed in the newsletter, I would like to try doing that and see if we can get answers back. State your questions and either bring them to the next meeting or mail them to the club so that we will receive them by the first Friday of the month. Make your questions short.

We also need members to write short articles or a series of short articles on any subject of interest to our membership. I cannot, and we cannot expect one person to write enough original copy to give us an interesting, informative, usefull newsletter. However, I can re-type your copy and publish as much as the club can afford to pay for printing and postage. Your help is needed!

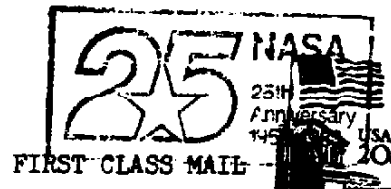
Likewise, no one person, not even a few persons, can put enough of the needed time and effort in to club activities for the rest of us to receive any real benefit; however, if everyone, or almost everyone would find some way to make a contribution, however small, of their time and effort, everyone will find the club more rewarding. The question of what kind of organization we will have depends entirely on your contribution. At this time, the club needs a program committee to organize, develop, and promote only twelve thirty-minute programs each year. If we can find a small group of members who will pool their resources and talents, and put on three good programs in a row, I will develop and present the fourth. Consider my gauntlet thrown, I await your response.

SOFTSTUFF:

Glenn Ashe, Chairman, and Tom Damura have both spent many hours working on our library of programs. The details are still to be finalized, but it is safe to say, at this point, that the old policies will be scrapped in favor of making this library of programs much more available to full members.

John Funk and Rod Paulson have each acquired (on disc) many of the programs soon to be released as command modules. Most are written in assembly language and require a disk system, expanded memory, and an editor/assembler module to run. Titles include: Slymoids, Jaw Breaker, 3D Tennis, Demon, Buck Rogers, Cubit, Facemaker, and Congo-Bongo. We should have these in the library by the first of the year.

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