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by Phil Booth, 2017 HAAUG President

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The January HAAUG swap meet was very successful; Ryan Esworth organized the PR and attracted several new folks to the event. Vendors reported that they were able to sell large items to folks this year. It just shows that if you have the right item at the right price, it will sell. I chose not to bring items for sale this year and walked around looking at the items on offer. We will build on this success to make the July event even better.

This month we welcome Bob “Dr. Mac” LeVitus as our main speaker. This will be Bob’s annual visit and I look forward to hearing his presentation. In late January a sub-group of the board met to plan out the schedule for HAAUG. I think that we have some good programs in the pipeline.

On January 31, Apple reported record quarterly revenue of 78.4 billion, which compares to 75.9 billion a year ago. That works out to \$3.36 earnings per share. According to Lucas Matri, Apple CFO stated “we returned nearly \$15 billion to investors through share repurchases and dividends during the quarter, bringing cumulative payments through our capital return program to over \$200 billion.” So if you own Apple shares, you made out well.

There has been some confusion about where we are meeting. Until April, HAAUG will meet in the Bellaire Civic Center. In April the Bellaire Police will use the Civic Center space as their headquarters while Bellaire builds a new Police station. After that, the City will build a new city hall and civic center. HAAUG will be relocated to the meeting room above the Aquatics Center. The space will be adequate for the group and the rental is within our budget. We will need to modify our meeting, and parking will be harder. The board will study the situation and will make needed changes.

Club and Meeting News

Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus

Working Smarter for Mac Users

Saturday, February 18

Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, TX 77401
9 am - 1 pm



	Main Room	2nd Room	3rd Room
9:00 am	Mac 101 and Fundamentals SIG Jonathan Magnus	iOS SIG Rick Roberts	
9:30 am			
10:00 am			
10:30 am			
11:00 am	Working Smarter for Mac Users Bob LeVitus		
11:30 am			
12:00 pm			
12:30 pm			
1:00 pm			
1:30 pm			Board of Directors Meeting
2:00 pm			

Join the HAAUG Board of Directors!

We will soon be asking for members to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors. Please consider putting your name up for a leadership position. For more information, talk to any board member at a meeting or send an email to president@haaug.org.

Meetup Group

The Houston Area Apple Users Group is now on Meetup.com! Click here to visit our group's Meetup page and join. We will of course continue to publish all meeting news on our website at haaug.org, to our Facebook group, and all other outlets as usual; this is simply an additional way to market our organization to the local community. If you are already a HAAUG member and join the Meetup group we will mark your dues as paid on the Meetup website, so you won't have to pay HAAUG dues twice!

HAAUG Website Updates

If you haven't visited the [HAAUG website](http://haaug.org) recently, stop by and check it out. Learn more about the organization, get up-to-the-minute news and updates, and browse the Apple Barrel archives, dating back to 1996!

Submit Your Content to Apple Barrel!

Have you tried a new Mac or iOS application? Found a neat accessory for your iPhone? Want to share a cool tip you've come across? Write about it, and send your column to editor@haaug.org. You can help make the Apple Barrel a better publication while providing valuable insight and opinion to your fellow HAAUG members.

Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus, Houston Chronicle and The Mac Observer columnist, author of more than eighty books including iPhone for Dummies and macOS Sierra for Dummies, and host of the BobLeVitus.TV Show, will discuss "Working Smarter for Mac Users" during the Main Presentation at the HAAUG General Meeting on Saturday, February 18, 2017.

Special Interest Groups

Mac 101 and Fundamentals with Jonathan Magnus: The SIG for basic to advanced Mac topics.

iOS with Rick Roberts: Discuss all things iPhone, iPad, iPod, iTunes, and iCloud.

Special Interest Group and Ad Hoc Meetings: Groups are welcome to use the casual spaces to meet on other topics. Scheduled SIGs take precedence. If you have an idea for a SIG, email the HAAUG SIG Coordinator at SIG_Coordinator@haaug.org!

Upcoming Events

March 18, 2017 – FileMaker Pro with Raf Batista

Raf Batista of [Ronel Data](http://RonelData) and the [Houston FileMaker Developers Users and Trainers](http://HoustonFileMakerDevelopersUsersandTrainers) group will present on a topic (to be determined) related to the use of FileMaker Pro.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2016

Location: Bellaire Civic Center, 7008 S. Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas

Attendees: Phil Booth, David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Jack Adair, Steve Bridgham, Ryan Eisworth, Mike Epstein, Mike King

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 12:33 PM following the conclusion of the December General Meeting. Thanks to Phil for a fine holiday gift presentation.

Monthly Reports

Secretary - Jack Adair: The minutes of the November 2016 BOD meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Clair reported that our checking account balance as of the end of November 2016 was \$3,841.06. Our savings account balance was \$10,003.88, for total cash on hand of \$13,844.94.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of November with 135 members, which was up by two from October, and down from 137 members (a difference of 2 members) from October 31, 2015. We had 15 membership transactions in November, of which 1 was a new member, 2 lapsed renewals, 9 regular renewals, and 3 two-year renewals. We had 1 renewal by credit card and 4 renewals using our web-based online solution through Square. All in all, it was a very good month for membership. Dave reported that he gets an E-mail

every time that a transaction is done online, and our money is in the bank the next day, which is much improved over the old KAGI days.

Programming Report - Steve Bridgham:

Next month will be the Swap Meet, and we will have Bob LeVitus in February. Both Raf Batista and Dave Hamilton are interested in coming back as well. Our calendar is blank starting in March, so we may need to have another programming "summit" after the first of the year. It is probably best to contact Dave Hamilton in January if we want to get him to present in April. We also need to confirm that our April meeting date is rescheduled, as April 15 is the day before Easter.

Steve did ask about the arrangements for Bob LeVitus in February. He will discuss this with Doug Smith, who in the past has taken care of getting Bob's plane ticket.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ryan Eisworth:

Ryan reported that the Apple Barrel was published on schedule. He E-mailed the press release and member announcement for the January Swap Meet. He needs to change the address to use the Bellaire Civic Center address, as opposed to the pool house, as it appears we will be in the Civic Center for the January Swap Meet. Ryan also asked for any article ideas for the next issue of the Apple Barrel. He also asked for any cover photos for the Apple Barrel that the Board members may be willing

to submit.

We got a notification from Greg Wright that our Phonebooth Free service will be discontinued in February 2017, which impacts the HAAUG phone numbers and extensions. This needs to be dealt with before the expiration date. Ryan agreed to look into an alternate service.

New Business

Budget Committee Report: Clair indicated that the Budget Committee agreed with the proposed budget, which she explained to the Board. The Board voted unanimously to accept the budget. Clair will bring this to the membership for a vote next month.

2017 Board of Directors Election: The general membership elected the following slate of directors for 2017:

President: Phil Booth

Vice-President: Steve Bridgham

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Clair Jaschke

Membership Chairman: Dave Jaschke

Media and Communications Administrator: Ryan Eisworth

Directors at Large: Mike Epstein, Mike King

Adjournment: At 1:10 PM

2017 Approved HAAUG Budget

Approved January 21, 2017

Account #	Account	Type	Budget 2017	
			Month	Annual
4-0000	Income			
4-1000	Earned Membership Dues	Income	387.92	4,655.00
4-3000	Advertising Income	Income	0.00	0.00
4-5000	HAAUG Boutique Sales	Income	0.00	0.00
4-5090	Raffle Income	Income	16.67	200.00
4-5093	MacFest Event Income	Income	0.00	0.00
4-5097	Photo Contest Income	Income	0.00	0.00
4-6000	Vendor Table Fees	Income	0.00	0.00
4-7000	Miscellaneous Income	Income	2.50	30.00
4-7005	Auction Income	Income	0.00	0.00
4-7010	CD Sales income	Income	0.00	0.00
8-1000	Interest Income	Other Income	0.11	1.32
Total Income			407.19	4,886.32
5-0000	Cost of Sales			
5-2000	HAAUG Boutique COGS	Cost of Sales	0.00	0.00
6-0000	Expenses			
6-0510	Goodwill	Expense	0.00	0.00
6-0520	Publicity	Expense	16.67	200.00
6-0550	Presenters Expenses	Expense	83.33	1,000.00
6-0590	Raffle Expenses	Expense	16.67	200.00
6-0593	MacFest Event Expenses	Expense	0.00	0.00
6-0804	Web Services Expense	Expense	10.77	129.24
6-0805	HAAUG FileMaker Server Expense	Expense	54.13	649.56
6-0806	Website Development	Expense	20.83	250.00
6-1200	Cash Over/Short	Expense	0.00	0.00
6-1400	Credit Card Fees (Kagi+Square)	Expense	8.33	100.00
6-1500	Bank Charges [& bad debts]	Expense	0.00	0.00
6-2500	Hardware Acquisition	Expense	41.67	500.00
6-3010	Legal Fees	Expense	0.00	0.00
6-3500	Maintenance & Repairs	Expense	6.25	75.00
6-4520	General & Memb. Office Expenses	Expense	58.33	700.00
6-5300	Post Card/Ballot Printing & Postage	Expense	16.67	200.00
6-5500	Rent	Expense	75.00	900.00
6-5610	General Meeting Expense	Expense	16.67	200.00
6-6000	Software Acquisition	Expense	15.00	180.00
6-7300	Hotline Phone 832-302-5999	Expense	0.00	0.00
6-9000	Miscellaneous Expense	Expense	4.17	50.00
9-5200	Previous Year Sales Tax Payment	Expense	0.08	1.00
Total Expenses			444.48	5,334.80
Profit/Loss (Income minus Expenses)			(37.29)	(448.48)

Membership Benefits

Monthly Meetings

This is where the excitement begins. On the third Saturday of each month, members of HAAUG meet for a day filled with activities, including presentations by major software and hardware vendors, special interest group (SIG) meetings, raffles, and much, much more. Swap Meets are held twice each year, in January and July.

Social Media & Internet Presence

The HAAUG web site at <http://www.haaug.org> is the place to go for up-to-date information on what we are doing. In addition, there is a [HAAUG group on Facebook](#), where people can go to interact with fellow HAAUG members on topics of interest related to Apple and its products.

Club Magazine

Club and industry news, meeting information and special member offers are published in our monthly newsletter – The Apple Barrel, which is available to members on the HAAUG website in Adobe PDF format.

Mentor Program

The HAAUG Mentor Program puts people with hardware, software, system or network problems in contact with volunteers who can provide solutions. Contact with the mentors can be made through the HAAUG Hotline, e-mail, or at the monthly meetings.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

People with common interests, including Macintosh and OS X basics, iOS, Internet, games, educational computing, databases, publishing, graphics, desktop video, programming and more gather for in-depth discussion, product demonstrations, tutorials and general knowledge sharing.

HAAUG Hotline

Call the HAAUG Hotline at 832-305-5999 for the latest meeting information and to leave voice mail for officers.

Lots of Fun & Friendships

HAAUG is a not-for-profit volunteer group founded in 1978, three years before there was an IBM PC. Approximately 200 members enjoy the benefits of HAAUG. We range from beginners to experts, but we all know the secret to making our computers more valuable: a HAAUG membership!

Learn more about the benefits of HAAUG membership at www.haaug.org.

Join by Mail

Please print out and complete the following form. Send a check or money order payable to HAAUG and mail it to the address shown below. Dues for regular members are \$35 per year. Student memberships are available for full-time students at a high school, community college or university for the rate of \$10 per year.

Your membership card will be mailed to you. You may pick up your starter kit at the next HAAUG meeting.

First: _____ Last: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Computer: _____

Membership:
 New Membership (\$35.00) Renewal (\$35.00)
 Two-Year Renewal (\$70.00) Student (\$10.00)
Requires Student ID

Check # _____ Member # (if renewing): _____

How did you hear about HAAUG?

Do you know someone who would be willing to join HAAUG? Y | N

Would you be willing to volunteer in HAAUG?

