

PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – January 20, 2016

Present: Current Board Members: Jeff Stillman, Steve Eubanks, David Viscio, John Baeseman, Joel Cohen, Dick Lewis, Pat Birck, Doug Tilley

Guests: John Carter

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 at the Steve Eubanks home. The meeting minutes for the December 2015 meeting was read by Pat Birck and approved by the board with no revisions.

Treasurers Report

Steve Eubanks reported that the current balance in the clubs checking account was \$3663.18 and the balance in the savings account was \$2000.71. It was indicated that there are currently a total 85 members in the club in which 58 are paid membership in 2016 and 27 are still outstanding.

A discussion about what action to take and a grace period of time for members who are still unpaid for in 2016 ended with an agreement to table the discussion until the end of March. Steve also took an action item to verify that the on-line membership form is current and correct.

Director at Large Committee Reports

John Baesemann reported about the new format for the club website (modified by Russ Chappell) which will be easier to use and now has an ERAU logo on the website. John also reported that the "Reflector" magazine has an awards program for webmasters and that Russ Chappell should be nominated. John took an action item to investigate the process to nominate Russ for the award. A board discussion on the Prescott Library reservation system for our general meetings led to a vote of 8 to 1 to relinquish the use of the Founders Conference room. John also indicated that Russ Chappell was currently working on a 10-15 minute presentation of the *PAC Club history*.

Jeff Stillman will talk to Dr. Smith (ERAU chairman of the Physics Dept) to review upcoming events such as the astrophotography course, upcoming star parties, and use of ERAU rooms for astronomical work.

John Carter has posted information to local radio stations and newspaper notices on upcoming PAC general meetings and third Thursday talks for the general public. John C. will also post the meeting notices in the "Reflector" magazine. John C. also talked about posting images on the club Facebook page in the photo section.

Pat Birck discussed how awards could be processed in the "Reflector" magazine through the Astronomical League. Jeff Stillman took an action item for the next general meeting to inform membership on how to apply for the Reflector awards.

Joel Cohen has reported that he has received the list of the clubs' outreach programs from Pat B and the "Starry Nights" club brochure have been distributed. He also indicated the bill for the brochure printing costs have been forwarded to the club treasurer. Joel also coordinated with Corinne Shaw on the upcoming Sci-Tech Festival to be held at the Gateway Mall on February 27th. Pat B took an action item to create a sign-up sheet for volunteers for this event. Pat also asked for more volunteers for the two upcoming star parties in February. The first is scheduled for Feb 6th at the Black Canyon Heritage Park and the 2nd scheduled for Feb 16th at the Lake Valley Elementary School in Prescott.

Joel also indicated that Corinne Shaw has asked about NAU Space funding grants for students to cover their travel costs.

Dick Lewis has fielded a question by PAC members on the reason for the annual club dues increase. The board discussed this issue and indicated that the dues have stayed stable for a number of years and the cost increase aligns with the club's 2016 budget which was voted on and approved by club membership in our last general meeting in December.

David Viscio reported that the annual star party events (in the PDF formatted version) has been sent to the events coordinator controlling Pronghorn Park as well as the Prescott Parks and Recreation org. A letter of indemnity will be forthcoming to the Parks division and ERAU. Steve has taken the action item to generate and forward the letter to the appropriate organizations. David has also sent the February issue of the club's "Ephemeris" to Steve for distribution.

Old Business

Jeff has indicated that the club still has a quantity of small scopes that he would like to give away. After a short discussion of where to donate the scopes it was decided upon donating them to the CCJ Thrift Store in Prescott on Fair Street. A vote to approve the donation was approved 9 to 0.

New Business

Jeff had an idea to promote "Astronomy Learning" by a possible competition such as a "Messier Madness" event with some sort of club award. Jon C and Jeff will take an action item to look into the when and where this event can take place.

Upcoming Business

Steve will work with Fred Arndt on the awards program for the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55

Prepared by: Doug Tilley, PAC Secretary