

PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – February 17, 2016

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

Guests: Russell Chappell

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 at the Steve Eubanks home. The meeting minutes for the January 2016 meeting was read by PAC Club Secretary and approved by the board with no revisions.

Treasurers Report

Steve Eubanks reported on February 1-17th profit and loss numbers for the club. Income from 2016 membership dues totaled \$135 and expenses from charitable donations and PAYPAL costs totaled \$277.55 yielding a loss of (\$142.55). Steve also indicated that current costs to the club included \$193.41 for the PAC Starry Night fliers and Insurance costs to the club for its outings of \$50.

Steve also verified to the board that the current membership application form was current and correct.

Director at Large Committee Reports

Joel Cohen has reported that Corinne Shaw has asked for a list of club members who will attend the upcoming dinner for the third Thursday speaker Marek J. Szczepanczyk.

Joel identified the clubs upcoming events for February and March including: Feb 27th Sci-Tech Fest, and March 12th Starry Nights at Highlands Center for Natural History. The club also had good member turnouts for the Black Canyon City and the Lake Valley Elementary Schools events.

Joel also had some suggestions or improvements for our clubs general meetings. He suggested for Jeff's "whats up in the night sky" talk that bringing images or pictures of some of the objects could be helpful to the membership and encourage members to bring in their own images or sketches. Steve indicated that showing images during a general meeting in a loop format of astronomical images and club activities was popular in his previous clubs meetings. A discussion by various club members included awards in the form of small trophies, certificates, or club buttons for long term contributions of members.

Pat Birck discussed the possibility of a club mini-marathon viewing events on Saturday May 14th for locating and identifying double stars and Saturday September 24th locating NGC objects. The sites for the events were either Jeff Stillmans residence or at ERAU. The equipment to be used would have different classifications such as GOTO versus Non-GOTO capabilities and awards would be earned for most objects that were found. Russ C. suggested that the list that Pat had for the competition could be placed on the clubs wesite.

Dick Lewis mentioned the use of club funds to provide honorary memberships. Questions for a criteria to merit the membership was discussed and Jeff took an action to identify those criteria for such memberships.

Jeff Stillman provided a short update on our association with ERAU and indicated that a further talk with Dr. Smith on the clubs use of the ERAU buildings and observatory was forthcoming.

Jeff proposed spending up to \$99.99 which would be allocated for the purchase and shipping of blank club buttons. The motion was made and passed by a 5-0 vote by the board. Russ C. brought to the meeting two examples of the buttons to be distributed at the upcoming Sci-Tech Fest on February 27th. The club treasurer indicated that he needed to add the cost of the buttons to our annual budget.

New Business

Jeff suggested the possibility of a social get together at his home for club members and their spouses on March 26th. He promised no guitar sing alongs.

Doug Tilley asked about publication of the clubs monthly board minutes and a discussion indicated that the minutes would be sent to Russ Chappell for inclusion into the clubs website so any member could have access. A second item was brought up which was the clubs plan for the upcoming solar eclipse in August 2017. Jeff took an action item to contact Corinne Shaw and work out any details.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Prepared by: Doug Tilley, PAC Secretary