PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – May 18, 2016

Present:

Current Board Members: Fred Arndt, Steve Eubanks, Joel Cohen, David Viscio, Doug Tilley, Dick Lewis, Jeff Stillman

Guests: Pat Birck, Russ Chappell

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 at the Steve Eubanks home. The meeting minutes for the April 2016 meeting was read by PAC Club Secretary with one revision to the previous months report and approved by the board.

Treasurers Report

Steve Eubanks reported on April 13th-30th and May 1st-18th profit and loss numbers for the club. The net income collected was $303 with expenses of $10 for a corporation fee. The checking account had $3492.96 and savings had $2000.90.

Director at Large Committee Reports

Joel Cohen spoke on the club's upcoming events and need for additional solar scopes. Joel also spoke with Corinne Shaw on a June 12th availability of the Clark refractor at Lowell Observatory. He indicated that availability of the scope was limited to 50 people with a 90 minute viewing time. Joel had some questions and issues that needed to be resolved including if a camera could be used and possible limiting the number of viewers. These might be resolved with an open house visit to the observatory on May 29th.

Pat Birck spoke on the upcoming Star party events for the club in June including: June 4-11 at the Grand Canyon, June 11th at Pronghorn Park, June 24th at the Dewey-Humbolt Library, and the Solstice Day on June 25th. He also mentioned plans for the Double Star marathon scheduled for July 9th.

Fred Arndt provided a preliminary list of telescopes loaned out to members. (**See Appendix 1** in Minutes for the list of equipment).

Dick Lewis reported that the coffee fund is sound enough to purchase additional supplies. He also talked about the lack of quality raffle prizes and a possible need to supply better prizes. A suggestion might be to purchase some eyepiece(s) and auction it off. Joel will look into with a budget of $250-$300.

David Viscio asked for facebook administrator access for the club. David and Pam Shivak were to added to the list of current administrators. He also verified Pat Birck as the Astro-League administrator.

Doug Tilley was asked to include a reference for the document on how PSA's and public notices are submitted for publication. (**See Appendix 2** for May 2016 minutes).

Steve Eubanks reported on the upcoming Solar Fest scheduled for June 25th with a cost of $100 to be paid to the "Friends of Bluegrass" organization. The club tent is to be located on the Prescott Courthouse walkway. The vote to approve the funds was voted on and passed. Steve will bring the funds to the Prescott Chamber of Commerce and Pat will generate a sign-up sheet for volunteer members to set up around 8AM.

Russ Chappell asked the group on the quantity of buttons to pass out to kids attending the event and 50 was decided along with 150 blanks if the first 50 run out. Russ also indicated that the PAC website is on a new platform and is good until March 2019. Russ also spoke about selling PAC merchandise through *Café Press* and Russ would provide a non-working version to show board what the site selling merchandise would look like.

Old Business

Jeff talked about the 2016 club picnic scheduled for September at Watson Lake. The Parks and Rec dept has not provided enough information to set a specific date as yet.

New Business

Jeff formally announced his resignation as the PAC club president effective June 1st, David agreed to become the interim president through the years term. Jeff agreed to provide to David any loose ends that needed to be addressed. Jeff also agreed to provide a second signature for club payments until the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Prepared by: Doug Tilley, PAC Secretary

Appendix 1

PRESCOTT ASTRONOMY CLUB EQUIPMENT LIST			
ITEM	**DESCRIPTION**	**CLUB MEMBER USER**	**DATE OF LOAN OUT**
Telescope	10in Maksutov on Mount	Pat Birck	
Telescope	Lunt LS60T H-alpha 60mm solar scope with Celestron tracking mount.	Jeff Stillman	
Telescope	Meade LX200 8inch f/10 SCT with tripod Accessories include white solar filter, 4 eyepieces, camera adapters, red eyepiece filter and diagonal.	John Baesemann	
Telescope	Edmond 4 1/4inch f/4.4 Newtonian	Dick Lewis	
Telescope	Nexstar 8inch CST on alt/az mount. Accessories include tripod, manual Pwr supply, 12ft cord, diagonal, barlow, color filters, 4 eyepieces	Pat Birck	
Telescope	Celestron C11 with solar filter	Wyatt ???	
Binocular	???	Dick Lewis	

Appendix 2

PMUG Document covering how PSA's and public notices are submitted for publication

From: John R Carter Sr [mailto:jrcpvaz@icloud.com]
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2016 1:26 PM
To: Greg Lutes <glastro@q.com>; Stephen Eubanks <steve@advancedtelescope.com>; Wyatt Frazee <wyattfrazee@yahoo.com>; David Viscio <visciod@yahoo.com>; Patrick Birck <pbirck@cableone.net>; John Baesemann <jbaesemann@prescottastronomyclub.org>; Jeff Stillman <jstillman50@cableone.net>

Subject: PMUG: Official document?

This is to officially document how PSAs and public notices are submitted. This needs to be saved in a document somewhere in the club's official record-keeping library.

There are only two places to submit PSAs to newspapers about our club events and activities and they are:

editorial@prescottaz.com and stone@prescottaz.com.

The latter address is to Susan Tone. Although she officially works at the Courier, she tells me that she is also responsible for posting club events in both the Prescott Valley Tribune and the Chino Valley Review, whereas editorial@prescottaz.com is only responsible for posting in the Courier. However, there are other ways to post an event in all three papers.

The above email addresses are for posting short PSAs: who, what, where, when. A newspaper PSA should be about public outreach events, a Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting, or the Third Thursday star talk.

To submit a regular meeting notice to the Courier, do it here. But this requires that you create an account with the Courier, which I have done for posting regular meeting events. This is a complicated process requiring entering information into several fields. However, this is one sure way to get our meetings posted. You can actually post a single notice that is a recurring event if the event repeats on a regular basis.

The same event should be posted in the Prescott Valley Tribune here and in the Chino Valley Review here.

To post an **article** (that may or not get printed) of a past event or of an upcoming major event which may include photos:

in the Chino Valley Review here.

in the Prescott Valley Tribune here.

in the Prescott Courier here.

Submitting PSAs to the radio stations is for any event or activity. Here are the email addresses for those notices:

KGCB Shine 90.9: info@arizonashine.org

KAHM 102.1: prescott@kahm.info

KNAU 88.7: knau@nau.edu

KQST 102.9: psa@myradioplace.com (this one actually covers five additional radio stations: KKLD, AZ100.ONE, Sunny 104.7, KVRD 105.7, and KYBC)