

## **PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – December 21, 2016**

**Present:** Current Board Members: Joel Cohen, Bill McDonald (2017), Doug Tilley, Steve Eubanks, Fred Arndt, Jeff Stillman (2017), John Baesemann

**Guests:** Pat Birck, Jerry & Corinne Shaw

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM at Steve Eubank's home.

### **Board & Directors at Large Business**

John Baesemann talked about the new club communications focal for upcoming events, Adam English. John would work with Adam to identify the requirements for the club to continue to notify the public on future events with various media. John will ask Adam to attend the January board meeting.

Joel Cohen has sent numerous photos of 2016 club events to Russ Chappell to import into the club website.

Fred Arndt has indicated that he is still searching for the club's dark sky meter.

Corinne Shaw identified some of the upcoming events for the club in 2017: The trip to the Naval Interferometer in Flagstaff scheduled for Dec 2016 is now moved to January 28. The Star Fest in Tucson at the Star Pass Resort is scheduled for June 8-11. The Grand Canyon Star Party is scheduled for June 17-24. The visit to the Vatican Observatory scheduled for Oct 2016 is now TBD. The solar eclipse is scheduled for August 21, 2017.

Jeff Stillman has received complaints on the sound quality at the Prescott Library which is used by our guest speakers. Fred agreed to look into this issue to check what could be done to improve the audio. Jeff also discussed the revival of reward certificates for outstanding work and contributions by club members. Jeff asked that a committee look into the tracking of members work through the NightSky website. Committee members include Jerry Shaw, John Baesemann, Doug Tilley and Bill McDonald.

### **New Business**

Jeff asked about establishing an annual calendar of club events with access for the board members only to better organize events each year. John Baesemann volunteered to speak with Russ about getting this option on our club website.

Fred was asked about the resumption of our "Meet a Member" program as an addition to our club newsletter. He said he would ask Dave about resuming this topic again.

There was a discussion by the board to increase the number of astronomy topics presentations at the monthly general meeting. Jeff has asked Joel to maintain a list of upcoming topics and speakers.

Fred spoke about our close connection to the Lowell Observatory and has proposed that a telescope that he purchased several years ago be raffled off with the proceeds going to the observatory. It was also suggested that the telescope be donated directly to the observatory and kept for use there or raffled off by the Lowell Observatory. Bill McDonald agreed to talk to the observatory staff about this.

Pat Birck informed the board that the C-11 SCT optical tube was sold for \$600, tripod for \$200, and Polaris finder scope for \$50 totaling \$850. Pat also notified the board that our club brochure should be printed by early January 2017. He also informed us that the club's antique brass telescope was donated to ERAU for display. With the discussion of our annual calendar of events being advertised on our club website Pat thought why it should be limited access to board members only. He thought that the events should not only should it be open not only to the general membership but the public access also as a possible inducement to have more of the public join our club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

Prepared by: Doug Tilley, PAC Secretary