

PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – January 18, 2017

Present: Current Board Members: Joel Cohen, Bill McDonald, Doug Tilley, Steve Eubanks, John Baesemann, Dick Lewis

Guests: Pat Birck, Russ Chappell, Adam England

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 6:27PM at the Steve Eubanks' home.

Board & Directors at Large Business

Treasurers report shows (effective 1/1/2017) \$3575.05 in checking and \$2001.17 in savings. Also the club had an increase of \$800 (effective 1/15) mainly from 2017 dues. Steve also indicated a positive amount of money in 2016 of \$90.22. A motion to accept the report was seconded and passed. The treasurer's report also indicated that there were currently 89 members of which 43 have NOT paid their annual dues.

The club secretary read the minutes from the Dec 2016 board meeting and the minutes were accepted and passed by a board vote.

Old Business

A member's only access in the club website was discussed and was given a history by Russ C. as a member's versus guest access. A decision by the board to table the discussion until the club president could cite the various reasons for creating the limited access. Russ also provided the board the current access numbers to the club website.

The board discussed a request by Jeff to create an annual calendar for annual events and it was decided that the club secretary would create the calendar with input by the club treasurer and Pat Birck.

A request to renew the club participation to the Night Sky Network was begun but the current committee to lead the discussion (John Baesemann, Bill McDonald, Jerry Shaw, and Doug Tilley) have not as yet had a chance to meet and go through the merits and requirements of the necessary steps. An agreement to table further discussion was agreed by the board.

New Business

The club has a requirement to replace Jamie on the refreshment committee. The club has a new focal for our public relations, Adam England.

An ongoing discussion from last month's meeting indicated a desire to renew the New Membership committee and it was agreed that the club secretary would ask David Viscio about adding this feature to our monthly newsletter.

Pat Birck informed the board that he received a request for a donation from the Heritage Mid-School to support their Space Science Program. In lieu of a club donation Adam England said he would try to put

the request out to the membership through our Facebook site. Pat also asked the board who was responsible to authorize the semi-permanent loan out of our equipment? The agreement was that the current shed key holders would okay the loan when a borrower filled in a request form that Pat agreed to create providing a record of the loan. Pat also notified the board that the 2017 club brochure was completed and back from the printer. He distributed a number of them to the attendees of the meeting.

Joel Cohen informed the board that Jeff Stillman met with Sal Jordano at ERAU and was provided an update on the observatory site improvements. Jeff also requested the club make a donation to support the upcoming Messier Marathon sponsored by the Saguardo Astronomy Club. The motion to donate was not to exceed \$50 and will be discussed with Jeff prior to the donation.

Russ Chappell followed up for Fred Arndt on the issue of the bad audio system the Prescott Library currently uses. He showed the group the system the Audubon Club uses. The base system by Audio 2000 uses a pre amp with 2 microphones. That cost was \$270 and with other equipment options the total cost was \$504.

Bill McDonald talked about increasing our observing time within the club. He also suggested picking out one object and doing research on it prior to the observing program. Steve Eubanks volunteered his backyard for the event.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM

Prepared by: Doug Tilley, PAC Secretary