

## **PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – February 15, 2017**

**Present:** Current Board Members: Joel Cohen, Bill McDonald, Doug Tilley, Jeff Stillman, John Baesemann, Dick Lewis, Pat Bledsoe

**Guests:** Fred Arndt

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:35PM at the Jeff Stillman home.

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

The club secretary read the minutes from the Jan 2017 board meeting and the minutes were accepted and passed by a board vote.

Dick Lewis informed the board that he has found a volunteer to handle the refreshments for the general club meetings but only on a part time basis. He said he would continue to look for additional volunteers.

Fred Arndt did a follow up report from Russ C. on the audio system made by *Audio 2000*. The price quote for the system for the club would be \$430.60 which would be available in March. A vote by the board was approved pending the final vote approval by the general membership at the next meeting in March.

### **Old Business**

Doug Tilley and John Baesemann discussed their first committee meeting covering the issue of the club with its association in the *Night Sky Network*. Some of the issues that were identified were the coverage of all club members that were to be listed on this website and any issues that might make PAC members uncomfortable being listed with their email addresses. A discussion by the board on the merits of the network over our already existing club website questioned the requirement for a duplicate effort. John B. took an action item to get a video describing the merits of becoming part of the NSN and to present this to the general membership. He also read the Networks documents citing the reasons to join this network. It was agreed to table further discussion until this presentation could occur.

Jeff address the issue that was brought up by the board in January on having a members only site on the club web page and has indicated that currently there is no reason to have this requirement.

Fred Arndt talked about his continuing effort to have a "Meet a member" and will continue to have this as part of our clubs goals. He also talked about the criteria for generating awards for members that have distinguished themselves for the club. The board hoped that this effort could be in place by the December Christmas party.

John Baesemann is continuing to work on a webmaster award for the on-going work that Russ Chappell has done for the club with its website.

The club agreed to pay \$10 to support the Messier Marathon sponsored by the Saguaro Astronomy Club . Jeff agreed to ask the treasurer for the necessary money.

## **New Business**

The club secretary has completed the calendar of club events that was requested by the board in last month's meeting. The secretary will provide that calendar to John Baesemann to forward onto Russ Chappell so it could be included onto the club website.

It was addressed again in this month's meeting about the creation of a New Member Welcome Packet. This would include but not be limited to a welcome letter, Starry Nights club brochure, and business card. Pat Bledsoe agreed to generate the club welcome letter. It was suggested that in the letter of welcome to include the mission statement of the club.

Fred Arndt discussed being more engaged with the Astronomical League especially with their awards program. He also indicated that he has 8 volunteers to present information on the "Ask an Astronomer" program.

John Baesemann informed the board that he has received a message from Carol Giermann requesting a star party at her home.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Prepared by: Doug Tilley, PAC Secretary