

PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – March 15, 2017

Present: Current Board Members: Joel Cohen, Bill McDonald, Doug Tilley, Jeff Stillman, Pat Bledsoe

Guests: Adam English, Russ Chappell, Heidi Ohs, Cory Shaw

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:40PM at the Jeff Stillman home.

Board & Directors at Large Business

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

Jeff asked if there were any new updates to the NSN and was advised there were none and the committee members were looking for a video explaining the benefits for membership to the network.

Old Business

Jeff asked the board to identify a place and time for the clubs annual picnic. The board set a date of September 16th to be held again at Goldwater Lake.

Jeff asked about the possibility of a star party at the Carol Giermann home in Williams Valley.

ACTION ITEM- Jeff will contact John Baesemann to get the specifics of a SP at the Giermann home.

New Business

Bill McDonald provided some of his thoughts on PAC's award policy (see attachment). Some comments from the board entailed awarding recipients based on the mission statement of the club. An idea presented was to spread out the awards over the course of the year. In addition to awards for intense contributions, special occasions, and cumulative efforts, to award recipients for volunteer hours at star parties. PAC secretary is currently collecting those volunteer hours.

Pat Bledsoe presented his action item to create a Welcome Packet for new members to the club. The board reviewed the packet info and made a couple of recommendations.

ACTION ITEM- Pat B will update packet with boards recommendations.

Jeff updated the board on news at ERAU. The observatory site has ordered new piers and the bathroom is open in the adjoining building. He also asked about the new club calendar. The PAC Secretary has incorporated the calendar into the club website with help from Russ Chappell. Jeff asked about volunteers for the refreshment activity. Dick Lewis indicated (last month) that he found a part time volunteer. Jeff has asked Joel Cohen to contact Dick and find the name of the person.

ACTION ITEM – Joel C Call or email Dick to find the name of the person volunteering for the refreshment committee.

Cory Shaw talked about upcoming club events. She indicated that new member and student Christopher Texler's birthday was on the same night as the Highlands Center Star Party. She also gave the location for members to have dinner with the speaker of the 3rd Thursday program (Pat Bledsoe). The club should have the new audio system in place for the speaker at the Prescott Library. Joel Cohen volunteered to video the talk. Cory also spoke about the upcoming NASA Space Grant talk to be held at the end of March. Additional events for the club include the August Solar Eclipse where members will work with a NASA balloon project, the Tucson Space Fest scheduled from June 8-11, and the GCSP June 17-24. There is a Field trip to the USGS in Flagstaff tentatively scheduled for April or May.

The Prescott Librarian wants to set up a solar program in association with the upcoming August eclipse and would like a volunteer from the club to help with their presentation on August 18-19. Adam English said he would volunteer to help the library with their program.

Jeff discussed the plans for the annual Christmas Party. The plan was to time the event with the same day as the December METASIG date which is December 13th. A couple options were mentioned by members.

ACTION ITEM- Russ Chappell will look into reservations upstairs at the Prescott Brewery.

ACTION ITEM- Cory Shaw will look into reservations at the Stone Ridge Country Club.

Adam English relayed to the board that the clubs public relations program in newspapers and radio are going well. Adam also suggested including into our Facebook site a program such as "Constellation of the Month".

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Prepared by: Doug Tilley, PAC Secretary