

PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – April 19, 2017

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

Guests: Pat Birck, Russ Chappell, Cory & Jerry Shaw

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

Board & Directors at Large Business

Steve read the treasurers report. He reported the club has \$3994.74 in checking and \$2001.51 in savings. Steve also reported that we currently have 66 paid members and 24 non-paid members on our roster.

ACTION ITEM- Jeff will add to next month's agenda the issue of members who have not paid the annual dues.

The club secretary read the minutes from the March 2017 board meeting and the minutes were accepted.

Old Business

Jeff asked if there were any new updates to the NSN and was advised that there was a power point presentation describing the benefits of joining the NSN. The committee will make a recommendation at the next month's board to maintain our membership or not in the NSN.

The awards committee (Bill McDonald and Russ Chappell) gave a background on the awards concept.

ACTION ITEM- Awards committee will provide guidelines for the awards criteria by the June board meeting.

Jeff provided information to the board on our "New Club Member Packet and said it was completed.

The **annual club picnic location** has changed from Goldwater Lake to **Watson Lake**. The date of **September 16th** is the same beginning at 1PM.

The annual Christmas Party has been decided to be at the Prescott Brewery on December 13th. A Christmas committee consisting of Jeff, John and Russ will look into the food selections and other events to be held at the dinner.

New Business

The Prescott Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for June 24-25 and a discussion by the board to participate or not was tabled until our next board meeting in May. **NOTE** that there are previously scheduled star parties on June 23rd at the US Vets location and June 26th at Orchard Ranch in Meyer. Also the Grand

Canyon star party extends to June 24th which could limit the club's ability to participate in the Bluegrass festival.

Cory Shaw has requested that a donation of \$250 be granted to be a NAU Space Grant partner. A vote to donate the money was passed.

ACTION ITEM- Cory Shaw will provide the necessary paperwork to Steve Eubanks for the grant payment.

ACTION ITEM- Doug Tilley will send David Viscio an email that next months Ephemeris include an item that has the NAU grant donation from the club.

Cory also indicated that the VATT observatory tour is now scheduled for October 21st. The club currently had 12 members sign up from a previous tour that was cancelled. Since the maximum number of visitors was limited to 12, Cory said she would check with the current 12 members to see if they wished to go first before opening the tour up for any new people.

The USGS tour at Flagstaff has been tentatively scheduled for May 30th. Cory will lock this date up and notify the membership at the next general meeting. Cory will also bring up the request from the Meteor Crater Park about club members bringing their solar scopes to the park for the August 21st solar eclipse.

Jeff led a discussion on the subject of video recordings of our general meetings as well as the 3rd Thursday talks at the Prescott Library. These videos would then be placed on our club website as well as the public U-Tube site. Several issues were brought up from members indicating that there might be some problems with organizations giving talks at the library, such as speakers representing government organizations. Jeff decided with concurrence of board members that a pilot program would be set up and **video our General meetings only**. Russ Chappell would contact Robert Milligan to have his students start this pilot program. Bill McDonald has also volunteered to provide a program to the general membership at a month to be determined by the president on video astrophotography.

John Baesemann reminded club members that email sent out to members should be transmitted in the "Blind Carbon Copy" mode. This protects members from receiving unwanted spam.

Pat Birck addressed the June star party events. Some of the events included a June 23rd event for the US Vets and June 26th at the Orchard Ranch in Meyer. There was an additional discussion that as a club, at public star party events, we were well represented but at private star parties we did not have enough scopes to support the event. Bill McDonald as well as other star party volunteers to these private star parties noted that kids at camp star parties are often NOT interested in the star party, that they are given insufficient time to observe, and that the impression is that the organizers schedule such events for the purpose of attracting attendees. The thought was to limit the number of private events especially ones held at the kids camps. This will mean that the club will decline to participate in some star parties. This will be an ongoing discussion in future board meetings. Pat also believed, as a club, can do a much better job at our regular monthly meetings to promote participation in attending star

parties. Identify them at the beginning of the meeting and encourage signups during the break; not waiting until the end of the meeting when everyone is anxious to leave.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Prepared by: Doug Tilley, PAC Secretary