

PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – May 17, 2017

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

Guests: Pat Birck, Russ Chappell, Cory Shaw, Fred Arndt

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:30PM at the Steve Eubanks home.

Board & Directors at Large Business

Steve read the treasurers report. He reported the club has \$2959.94 in checking and \$3001.75 in savings. Steve also reported that we currently have 74 paid members and 18 non-paid members on our roster. Steve also advised the board and guests that a check in the amount of \$250 was released to support the NAU Space Grant program as requested in the April board meeting.

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

Old Business

It was decided that our club would not be part of the Night Sky Network (NSN) with a suggestion from Fred Arndt to verify with Marilyn Unruh that any teaching tools that she uses for her education programs would not be affected by this decision.

ACTION ITEM- John Baesemann will speak with Marilyn to verify the board's decision on not being part of the NSN if it would affect teaching tools that she receives from the network.

Fred Arndt, representing the awards committee, provided to the board his committee's nomination guidelines for the clubs awards program (**see Attachment #1 for the award guidelines**).

ACTION ITEM- Board will review the (6) awards identified on the committees list and provide feedback by June 3rd.

Pat Bledsoe suggested annotating the presidential award for outside organizations supporting the PAC with annual award marking on the certificate.

Jeff completed and presented to the board the "Letter of Welcome" to new members of the club by the president (**see Attachment #2**) to support the New Member Packet.

ACTION ITEM- Jeff will send an electronic copy to Club Secretary for incorporation in the current minutes.

New Business

Fred spoke on the program he has been working on. It is the *Meet a Member* program and has indicated that he would provide further information on the program in the coming months. He also indicated that

the *Meet an Astronomer* program has in the short term been a success. Fred also volunteered to help with the 2018 board nominations should the current board need his help again this coming year.

The Christmas Party Committee has found some early info on the party scheduled for December 13th. The final menu offerings will be available in October. The upstairs room in the Prescott Brewery can hold a maximum of 45 people and arrival will be around 5:30 with dinner beginning at 6PM.

The subject of members of the club who are not current with the 2017 annual dues was brought up by the president. After a discussion by club officers the following motions were voted on and passed. Non-paying members will continue to receive the club newsletter only and a member is considered delinquent after 90 days.

ACTION ITEM- Joel Cohen will look into the criteria for benefits of members versus non-members.

The annual club picnic to be held in September has asked for volunteers for a committee. Jeff Stillman, Doug Tilley, and John Baesemann have volunteered to help plan the effort. Jeff will check on the hours that we have currently reserved for the event. Jeff thought that gift certificates could be given out to members at the picnic.

There was a motion and vote to drop hosting a booth at the upcoming Bluegrass Festival in June.

Cory Shaw informed the board that Robert Shaw would speak on June 7th at the general club meeting in lieu of the normal 3rd Thursday speaker. She also has spoken to several speakers that have given a talk and found that a significant number get nervous when recorded and also that the number of attendees decreases.

Pat Birck informed the board of the upcoming star party at ERAU on May 20th. He also let the board know that there is an issue with one of our stored scopes (8in SCT) and got permission to try to resolve the issue with it by taking it apart. The next star party will be on June 3rd at Pronghorn Park beginning at 5:30 and will include solar viewing.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Prepared by: Doug Tilley, PAC Secretary