

## **PAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 1, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President John Carter at 6:30 PM at Touchmark at the Ranch, Mingus Mountain Forum room.

One new member and no guests were attending and approximately 28 members were in attendance.

The club general meeting minutes for April 2019 were displayed, reviewed, and accepted by attending members.

There will be a raffle for the Dobsonian Telescope and also for the Binoculars at the end of the evening.

President Carter read the treasury report. ~~-\$3,430.48 in checking~~ **Balance \$1,430.48** as of April 30th. \$3,000.86 in savings. Interest of \$.30 accrued. \$796.23 in deposits made. There was a withdrawal of \$2.04 made from savings, to keep the account active. That amount was deposited to checking. Report was approved by the attending members. *Strike through and corrected balance above was announced and approved at the June 5 2019 General Meeting.*

### **Old Business**

Member Jack Szelka spoke about the upcoming trip to California in September. Main purpose will be a visit to Mt. Wilson observatory. Up to 20 members will be allowed at a split cost of \$1,050. Decision needed by June meeting. Other possible places of interest to visit in the area are: Griffith Observatory & Planetarium, LeBrea tar pit and Page Museum, Palomar Observatory, Capistrano, Oceanside Telescope.

Member Corinne Shaw gave a slide presentation on the recent April 27 field trip to the Apollo Crater Field training site in Cottonwood AZ. This is where the Apollo 13 crew trained. Corinne also spoke about the upcoming field trip to Lowell Observatory and the Clark Telescope scheduled for October 27. Up to 15 members will be given 90 minutes total of viewing time on the scope. Cost is \$500 to be split by the number signing up.

President Carter spoke Dr. Patel's offer making available a telescope, mount, and building for club use. Will pay for the land, preparation of the land, and other infrastructure. President Carter said if there is no other offers to host the site, he will be allowing Dr. Patel to build on his property.

### **New Business**

New member volunteers are needed to fill two Coordinator positions for the club, starting in January 2020. Corrine Shaw and Pat Birck gave a slide presentation outlining the duties, responsibilities and procedures for both the Third Thursday Lectures at the Prescott Public Library and for the Star Party Outreach Coordinator. Questions were asked by the audience members. Interested members should contact Corinne, Pat, or President Carter. Will need to identify who the new volunteers are by August 2019.

A member noted that there might be outdated items for sale on the web site. It was pointed out that the items are reviewed by Web Site Coordinator Russ Chappell.

Sign up sheets for upcoming Star Parties and Metasig on the front table. Metasig this month is at Los Pinos Mexican Restaurant.

### **Break**

President Carter announced there is also a need for a new Treasurer. He will be the interim. Club laptop and software available for use.

Vice President Dave Covey needs volunteers to give presentations at the General Meetings. Please contact him with your ideas.

### **Presentation**

President Carter played a 40-minute video on the Large Binocular Telescope on Mt. Graham. Was a history of telescope development since Newton's time to the present.

Both Raffles were held. New member Bianka Bidovska won the Dobsonian telescope and Jack Szelka won the binoculars.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

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