

Prescott Astronomy Club Meeting Minutes for August 07, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM by President John Carter at the Touchmark at the Ranch, Mingus Mountain Forum room.

About 25 members and 2 guests were present.

A Celebration of Life for Dick Lewis will be held on August 10 at Hassayampa Hotel facility between 11:30AM and 3:00PM. All members are invited to attend. Please contact Lynne Lewis for more details. A moment of silence was observed in Dick's memory.

The July general PAC meeting minutes was approved without any further comments.

The Treasure's report was given. The actual financials as of 7/31 are as follows: Savings: opening \$3002.99, closing \$3003.05. \$1 transfer from Checking, interest income of \$0.07, and tax withholding of \$0.01. Checking: opening \$4,317.66, closing \$3,348.01. Income of \$47.35 from laser sale, \$34.00 income for Clark field trip, expense of \$1050.00 for Mt Wilson field trip, transfer of \$1.00 to Savings.

Jack Szelka summarized the current status of the September 23 Mt. Wilson Observatory field trip. He indicated that 9 individuals are signed up and 2 individuals dropped out. The remaining individuals will need to pay an additional \$21.00 per to make up the difference.

Cory Shaw summarized the current status of the October 27 Lowell Observatory Clark scope field trip.

It was noted that there are 5 upcoming PAC star parties currently scheduled for the months of September and October. The 1st star party is on September 05 at the Touchmark facilities starting at 7:00 PM. Setup at 6:30PM. The 2nd star party is on September 21 at the Pronghorn Ranch park starting at 7:30PM. Setup at 6:30PM. The 3rd star party is September 26 at Pine Summit Camp starting at 7:00PM. Setup at 6:15PM. The 4th star party is September 28 at Granite Creek Vineyard in Chino Valley starting at 7:00PM. Setup at 6:15PM. The 5th star party is at the Highland Center starting at 7:00PM. Setup at 6:15PM. Contact Patrick Birck 928-778-6324 to sign up.

There is also a star party September 26 to 28 at Buffalo Park in Flagstaff. Additional information can be found on web site: <http://www.flagstaffstarparty.org/>

The PAC picnic is scheduled for September 7 at Watson Lake – large ramada on top of the hill from 12:00Noon to 4:00 PM. PAC provides the hamburgers/brats with buns and the members to provide their drinks and salad/deserts to share.

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December holiday dinner is to be held at the Bon-Fire restaurant in Chino Valley either on 10 or 17 December. Majority members present voted for December 10. More details concerning this event will be available soon.

Marilyn Unruh indicated that the next METASIG will be on August 14 at Carmella's Food and Drink starting at 5:00PM. A signup list was passed around to those present.

John Carter indicated that Some PAC members who attended the June Grand Canyon Star Party purchased a T-shirt. John showed his, Marilyn was wearing hers.

John Carter made a short topic presentation titled "All About Telescopes" in which the terminology, types of scopes and types of mounts were discussed.

Break at 7:19PM for refreshments.

The meeting was brought back to order at 7:37PM.

Donald Beaman and Joel Cohen have agreed to partner in taking over the Star Party Coordinator position from Pat Birck.

Greg Lutes volunteered to take over the Treasurer position. Marilyn Unruh nominated Greg. No other nominations were offered. Greg was voted in as Treasurer.

Since Greg Lutes was serving as one of the At-Large Board of Director, a replacement was requested. Steve Eubanks volunteered to serve as the At-Large Board of Directors member. President Carter appointed Steve Eubanks to serve on the Board.

3rd Thursday Star Talk Coordinator is still open and needs to be filled soon.

Cory Shaw presented the duties and scope for the 3rd Thursday Star Talk Coordinator position as well as the Star Party Coordinator position.

John Carter presented the main presentation for tonight "Experiencing Hubble – a summary". He discussed several deep sky objects and views taken by the Hubble Telescope imaging cameras.

Next PAC general meeting will on September 4 at the Touchmark at the Ranch.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

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