



## General Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2022

### Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order by President Art Arnold-Roksandich at 6:31 PM
- 16 in-person attendees at the Prescott Library and 13 on-line attendees at peak

### Business Topics:

- Last month's general meeting minutes are posted on the website
  - [Decision: Reading of the previous meeting minutes waived](#)
- Treasurer's Report for March 2022:
  - Cash flow:
    - Income: \$161.28
    - Expenses: \$3.25
    - Net: \$158.03
  - Combined account balances:
    - Beginning: \$5,940.20
    - Ending: \$6,098.23
    - Net: \$158.03
  - Our March income included a \$100 donation from the Kiwanis in appreciation of the star party we held for them.
- Membership Report:
  - The club had 50 members at the end of March, plus one more that has joined since then
  - 2 new members have joined the club: James Doherty and Erin O'Connor
- Volunteer requests:
  - The following positions are still open. If interested in contributing to the club in any of these capacities, please contact Art.
    - Editor of the Ephemeris
    - METASIG Coordinator
    - Astronomical League Coordinator
  - Star Parties:
    - The club is again holding public star parties and outreach events. We could always use more volunteers with telescopes or binoculars.
- Outreach report:
  - Our March 3<sup>rd</sup> Star Party at Pronghorn Park was canceled due to poor weather
  - Our March 30<sup>th</sup> outreach event for the Kiwanis was successful. The event was held at Camp Wamatochick and was for the benefit of under-privileged high school students from the Phoenix area. The clouds cleared just minutes before the viewing started.
  - Our March 31<sup>st</sup> Star Party at the Highlands Center was also successful. We had about 10 club members present with 7 telescopes and one pair of mounted binoculars. About 65 members of the public were in attendance, and enthusiasm was high. Attendees included two beginners that showed up for advice on using their telescopes. The Highlands Center is looking forward to working with us again. Thanks to all who helped!

- Our next outreach event will be for the Kiwanis on April 29th. We also have an event for the Girl Scouts coming up. We will need club volunteers for both.
- Our next Starry Nights Star Party will be at Pronghorn Park on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm -9:30pm. You may arrive earlier to set up your equipment.

#### **Announcements:**

- Upcoming board meeting:
  - Our next board meeting is on Tuesday, April 19th, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at Dave Covey’s House. This will be an in-person meeting with no Zoom connection.
  - If you would like to attend, please send a request to p@prescottastronomyclub.org so Art can send you the agenda and directions.
- Third Thursday Presentation:
  - Our next Third Thursday Presentation is on Thursday, April 21st at 5:30 PM in the Founder's Suite of the Prescott Public Library. Dr. Risk Bashar, from the University of Arizona Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, will present “Notes from the Exploration of the Solar System”.
- General meeting presentations:
  - Art reminded the membership that club members are encouraged to make presentations at our general meetings.

#### **Featured speaker:**

- Randall C. Iliff, club member, seasoned program manager, expert systems engineer and founder of Eclectic Intellect, LLC, presented “The Invisible Matters - How Program Management and Systems Engineering Teamed to Build the World’s Largest IceCube”

#### **Closing:**

- Our next general meeting will be on May 4, 2022, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Founder’s Suite of the Prescott Public Library. Members and guests can attend in-person or via Zoom.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Report submitted by Roland Albers, PAC Secretary