



General Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2022

Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order by President Art Arnold-Roksandich at 6:02 PM
- 33 in-person attendees at the Prescott Library and 4 online attendees at peak

Welcome new members and guests:

- New members: Susan and Hillary Legacy, Paul Howe, Mary Layman, and David Chasan

Business Topics:

- The August meeting was centered about a swap meet and no minutes were prepared
 - About 24 people attended the August meeting
 - The club sold \$319 worth of equipment at the meeting
- Membership Report:
 - The new members listed above joined the club this month
 - The club now has 66 members!

Announcements:

- Volunteer Requests:
 - Art reminded the attendees that we still need an editor for our newsletter, the Ephemeris.
 - Hillary Legacy volunteered! Hillary has extensive experience in graphic design.
- Upcoming board meeting:
 - Our next board meeting is on Tuesday, September 20th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Prescott Valley Public Library. 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.
- Upcoming events:
 - Sept 20 : MetaSIG at Gurley Street Grill. RSVP to John Dwan at jwdwan@gmail.com.
 - Sept 20: PAC Board Meeting at the PV Public Library.
 - Sept 24: Starry Nights public star party at Pronghorn Park in PV.
 - Oct 4 (Tue) 6:00 PM: PAC General meeting at the Prescott Public Library.
 - Oct 21: Public event at the PV City Center. More details to come.
 - Oct 22: Members-only star party at a private residence, location TBA.
 - Oct 28: Starry Nights public star party at The Highland Center in Prescott.
 - Nov 2 (Wed) 6:00 PM: PAC General Meeting at the Prescott Public Library.
 - Nov 15: Outreach star party at Talking Rock, PAC members can attend.
 - Nov 19: Starry Nights public star party at Pronghorn Park in PV.
 - Dec 7: PAC Holiday Dinner at the Hassayampa Inn in Prescott.
- Open items:
 - Nominations:
 - Let a club officer know if you are interested in being on the PAC board for 2023
 - Outreach:

- Brian Blau urged club members to show up with telescopes for our upcoming public star parties, especially the 10/21 event at the PV City Center (potentially hundreds of attendees) and the 10/28 event at the Highlands Center (100 people attended last year). 7-10 telescopes are needed for each of these large events.
- Email announcements will go out beforehand. Please RSVP for each event you can attend.
- Dark Sky Initiative:
 - Brian reported that a non-PAC group is looking for a location in the area that is protected from light pollution to create a dark sky observing site. They are working now with the Prescott National Forest and have a spot under consideration that has a building, power, and ethernet.
 - However, the Forest Service requires that someone needs to be living there to maintain the house. If any PAC members are interested in living and observing for a month or more at a dark sky site, please contact Brian.
- Astronomy Book Club:
 - Marilyn Unruh reported that the Delaware Astronomical Society is hosting an astronomy book club which holds regular Zoom meetings to discuss astronomy-related books.
 - For more information, go to the delastro.org website and click on Events. There is no cost to participate in the book club meetings.

Featured speakers:

- Dr. Nick Moskovitz, an astronomer at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, presented "*Earth Strikes Back: NASA's First Planetary Defense Experiment*".
- For more information, go to asteroid.lowell.edu.

Closing:

- Our next general meeting will be on October 4, 2022, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Founder's Suite of the Prescott Public Library. Note that the meeting is again being held on a Tuesday due to a scheduling conflict with the library. Members and guests can attend in-person or via Zoom.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Report submitted by Roland Albers, PAC Secretary