



General Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2022

Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order by President Art Arnold-Roksandich at 6:05 PM
- 15 in-person attendees at the Prescott Library

Welcome new members and guests:

- New members: Gordon Vergason, Debra Lomore
- We now have 71 club members

Business Topics:

- Last month's general meeting minutes are posted on the website
 - [Decision: Minutes approved after we waived reading them during the meeting](#)
- Treasurer's Report for October 2022:
 - Cash flow:
 - Income: \$418.78
 - Expenses: \$11.59
 - Net: \$407.19
 - Account balances:
 - Paypal: \$466.76
 - Checking: \$2,389.15
 - Savings: \$4,043.65
 - TOTAL: \$6,899.56
- 2023 Board Election:
 - [Decision: The following board members for 2023 were elected by acclamation:](#)
 - President: Art Arnold-Roksandich
 - Vice-president: Brian Blau
 - Treasurer: Roland Albers
 - Secretary: Jack Evans
 - Board members: Doug Tilley, Susanne Vaughan
 - Continuing board members are: Ken Olson, E.J. Van Horne
- 2023 Budget:
 - Art presented the board's proposed budget for 2023
 - Membership dues will not change for 2023
 - We expect income of about \$2,301, mostly from membership dues and donations
 - We expect expenses of about \$3,415, mostly from advertising, internet hosting, Astronomical League membership, liability insurance, picnic supplies, P.O. box rental, and speaker dinners
 - This leaves the budget with a net deficit of \$1,114. Past budgets have also had deficits, but they rarely materialize due to more donations and equipment sales than expected.
 - [Decision: The proposed 2023 budget was approved](#)
- Outreach Report:
 - October 21: Community Star Party at the PV Library
 - The event was very successful, with about 150 people attending

- The event was located in the grassy field between the PV police dept. and civic center
- The PV Library sponsored the event and 6 people from the library helped with set up and directing attendees
- Club members provided about 12 telescopes, including a radio telescope and several large binoculars
- We will definitely work with the PV Library to repeat this event next year
- October 28: Members-only Star Party
 - About 12 club members attended with a total of 6 telescopes
 - Our big thanks to Dave Covey for volunteering the use of his home. He has very dark skies and a large parking area in his side yard.
- Upcoming events:
 - November 11: Camp Wamatochick for the Key Club, disadvantaged kids from Phoenix
 - 4 to 5 telescopes are needed for the 75 to 100 people expected to attend
 - For those volunteering, expect cold weather and dress appropriately
 - November 15: Talking Rock
 - The Talking Rock community is about 13 miles north of Prescott and has very dark skies
 - We expect this to be another large event. 75 people from the Talking Rock community have already signed up to attend.
 - We will organize this event similar to the PV Library event, with pamphlets to hand out listing the objects that can be seen. We will also have hot chocolate available.
 - November 19: Pronghorn Park
 - We expect this event to be similar to our earlier public star parties held at Pronghorn Park
 - All our upcoming events are weather dependent
- 2022 Holiday Party:
 - Our annual Holiday Party will be held at the Hassayampa Inn on December 7th starting at 6:00 PM
 - Meals will cost \$50. The event will also have a cash bar.
 - The banquet room at the Hassayampa Inn can hold 80 people, larger than last year's limit of 45
 - Club members can sign up on our webpage. The deadline for signing up is November 21. We need to give the restaurant a headcount by then so they can plan their food orders.

Announcements:

- Marilyn Unruh is ordering Astronomy Magazine calendars for any interested club members. She's placing the order on November 3rd.
- Next board meeting:
 - Thursday, November 17, 2022, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Susanne Vaughn's house.
 - If you would like to attend, please send a request to p@prescottastronomyclub.org

Featured speakers:

- Cory Shaw presented a memorial tribute for longtime club member Stephen Eubanks
- Brian Blau, our club vice-president, presented "*Astronomy Resources on YouTube*," describing how to use YouTube to find information, tips and news about our hobby. YouTube channels he recommended included Scott Manley, Dr. Becky, TAIC, AVT-Astro, Dylan O'Donnell, Chuck's Astrophotography, VisibleDark, Helena's Astrophotography, Amy Astro, Cuiv, and AstroBackyard.

Closing:

- Our next general meeting will be on January 4, 2023, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Founder's Suite of the Prescott Public Library.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM