



General Meeting Minutes for July 3, 2024

Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order by President Art Arnold-Roksandich at 6:04 p.m.
- 42 in-person attendees at the Prescott Library.

Announcements:

- Signup sheets: Art reminded everyone to sign in at the entrance table and pointed out that there are several different signup sheets:
 - Guests
 - Those wishing to volunteer with the club.
 - Nonmembers expressing an interest in the club.
 - Beginner Sessions (ABSIG).
 - Picnic Sign Up Sheet

Upcoming Meetings:

- **August 7: Member Presentations:** The August 2024 club meeting will feature member presentations. If you are a club member and would like to give a presentation on an astronomy topic, please contact Brian Blau at vp@prescottastronomyclub.org. Include information about your topic and if you need to use the podium computer for your presentation materials (PDF's, PowerPoint, MS Word files). Please limit your speaking time to 10 minutes so we can hear as many people as possible.
- **September 4:** "Dark Skies Over Arizona," Kevin Schindler of the Lowell Observatory.

- **October 2:** Special 50th Celebration Speaker. Announcement later in July.

Club Business:

- **Club Swap Meet: Sunday August 4, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.:** The Prescott Astronomy Club is holding an astronomy swap meet in August. This event is open to the public and we invite those interested in swapping, purchasing or selling astronomy-related items. Expect to find telescopes, mounts, eye pieces, books and more.

To reserve a table, you must contact Brian Blau prior to the event (vp@prescottastronomyclub.org). One table is allowed per seller unless other arrangements are made. The tables are free for Prescott Astronomy Club members. We ask for a \$10 donation from all other sellers, and a \$20 donation from vendors. Setup time starts at 12:00 p.m. LOCATION: Museum of Indigenous People, Pueblo Room.

- **August 17: Club Picnic at Watson Lake's Upper Ramada from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Sign up for the picnic tonight. The deadline to sign up is the next PAC general meeting, August 7. Let us know how many people are coming for food. You may send this information to Doug Tilley at dought51@gmail.com. We'll also provide a parking pass for each car at the picnic. In the past, we just informed the gate keeper and Doug handed out passes at the Ramada. Hamburgers and brats will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with others and drinks.
- **50th Celebration Merchandise - T-Shirts, Hats, and Mugs:** These items will go on sale at the Swap Meet.

ABSIG (Astronomy Basics Special Interest Group):

- The ABSIG will skip the months of June and July because of late hours for viewing. A beginner star party will be planned for August.

APSIG (Astrophotography Special Interest Group):

- July 8th: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Lookout. (1230 Willow Creek Road)

Dark Skies SIG:

- July 25th: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Featured Speaker: Our speaker this month was Sam Myers, a Ph.D. candidate at the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory at the University of Arizona, discussing “From Dinos to Dart: Protecting the Earth from Asteroids.”

Sam discussed planetary defense and science policy. His presentation covered asteroid basics, comparative risks of impacts, asteroid sizes, and planetary defense components (detecting asteroids, characterizing the danger, prevention strategies, and how to recover from an asteroid strike).

Next PAC Board Meeting: The next PAC Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **at Art’s house**. If you would like to attend, please send a request to p@prescottastronomyclub.org.

Closing:

- The next PAC general meeting will be Wednesday August 7th, at 6:00 pm at the Prescott Public Library, Founders Suite.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Report submitted by Jack Evans, PAC Secretary