



## General Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2024

### Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order by President Art Arnold-Roksandich at 6:00 p.m.
- 48 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).

### Upcoming Meetings:

- **July 3:** Sam Meyers on Asteroids and Planetary Defense
- **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](mailto: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.

- **Club Swap Meet: Sunday August 4, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.:** Brian reported that 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.

- September 4: "Dark Skies Over Arizona," Kevin Schindler of the Lowell Observatory.
- October 2: Special 50th Celebration Speaker.

### **Upcoming Star Parties and Events:**

- June 8: Outreach @ Iron Springs Camp
- June 27: Outreach @ Prescott Public Library. Club astronomers will make beginning astronomy presentations starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by an observation session around 8:00 p.m.
- August 17: Club Picnic at Watson Lake's Upper Ramada from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- . An email will be sent to club membership in July asking to RSVP Doug Tilley for planning purposes.

### **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):**

- June 10<sup>th</sup>: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom.

### **Dark Skies SIG:**

- July 25<sup>th</sup>: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location TBD.

**Featured Speaker:** Our speaker this month was Professor David Williams from the School of Earth and Space Exploration at Arizona State University discussing NASA's Psyche asteroid mission: "Psyche – Exploration of a Metal World."

Dr. Williams discussed why we choose to explore space, NASA mission directorates (aeronautics, space technology, space operations, exploration systems development and science), how we explore the solar system, the status of solar system exploration, and the Psyche asteroid mission. He detailed the Psyche mission's driving question and key parameters.

**Next PAC Board Meeting:** The next PAC Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Prescott Valley Public Library, Glassford Hill Room. If you would like to attend, please send a request to [p@prescottastronomyclub.org](mailto:p@prescottastronomyclub.org).

### **Closing:**

- The next PAC general meeting will be Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 pm at the Prescott Public Library, Founders Suite.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Report submitted by Jack Evans, PAC Secretary