



General Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2024

Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order by President Art Arnold-Roksandich at 6:00 p.m.
- 52 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:

- PAC General Meeting: June 5th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Prescott Public Library, Founders Suite. Our speaker will be 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."
- July 3: Sam Meyers on Asteroids and Planetary Defense
- August 7: Member Presentations (An email request for submissions will be sent out in July)
- September 4: "Dark Skies Over Arizona," Kevin Schindler of the Lowell Observatory.

- October 2: Special 50th Celebration Speaker.

Upcoming Star Parties and Events:

- May 3: Outreach @ Camp Womatochick – Sunset 7:12 p.m.
- May 4: Starry Nights public star Party, Williamson Valley Trailhead, 7:16 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.
- May 12 Lunar Viewing on the square across Montezuma from Colt's Grill
- June 8: Outreach @ Iron Springs Camp
- June 27: Outreach @ Prescott Public Library. Club astronomers will make presentations followed by an observation session after the meeting.

ABSIG (Astronomy Basics Special Interest Group):

- The next ABSIG will be held on May 23, 7:00 p.m., at Art's residence. The location is 2675 W. Rainmaker off Williamson Valley Road – (Art's house). Topic TBD.

APSIG (Astrophotography Special Interest Group):

- May 13th: 10:30 a.m. This will be an in-person meeting at the Lookout.

Dark Skies SIG:

- May 28th: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Prescott Public Library Founder's Room A.

Featured Speaker: Our speaker this month was Dr. Jeff Hall speaking on "The Curious Case of Our Wild & Crazy Sun." Dr. Hall is a solar astronomer and the Executive Director of Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff. Dr. Hall has held this post for 14 years and will be retiring in November.

Dr. Hall's talk centered on the dynamics of our sun, instruments and techniques for studying the sun and other stars, and its impact on the earth's climate. He concluded his excellent presentation with a discussion of the new Astronomy Discovery Center that will be opening in November.

- **Treasurer's Report for April 2024:**

- Cash flow:
 - Income \$8.04
 - Expenses: \$864.16
 - Net: (\$856.12)
- Account balances:
 - Paypal: \$0
 - Checking: \$4,015.76
 - Savings: \$4,066.89
 - Cash: \$139.34
 - TOTAL: \$8,221.99

- **Membership Report:** As of March 31st, PAC memberships totaled 82. At this time last year there were 69 total members.
- **Next PAC Board Meeting:** The next PAC Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st, 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.

Closing:

- The next PAC general meeting will be Wednesday June 5th, at 6:00 pm at the Prescott Public Library, Founders Suite.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Report submitted by Jack Evans, PAC Secretary