

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting January 21, 2011

Officers: Ron Pearson, Pres., Norm Rosling, VP , Bonnie Kais, Sec., Brad Gilman, Treas.

Executive Board Present: Jack Eastman, David Shouldice, Joe Gafford, Dan Wray, Steve Solon, Tim Pimentel, Frank Mancini
Absent: Keith Pool

Minutes of the December, 2010 meeting were approved.

DU report:

Dr. Stencil and Observatory Manager, Aaron Reid, were absent. On their behalf, Ron Pearson presented "The Globe at Night" forms that can be distributed at Public Nights to get observers participating in night sky activities. All Public Night teams will receive an Email with attachment on incorporating these materials into their evening activities. Darrell Dodge will be contacted to determine if the information can also be linked to the website. In addition, Dr. Stencil has submitted the request for a Purchase Order for a May, 2011 refurbishment for the singular mount at Chamberlin. A discussion followed regarding the feasibility of financial help from DAS for the project. An estimate of costs is required for Board consideration.

President's report:

Ron Pearson reported there has been improvement in noise control at Open Houses. A discussion ensued regarding the acquisition of a Speaker/Sound System for both Chamberlin presentations and General Meetings at Olin Hall. Steve Solon offered to do Open House presentations outside. With Eboard approval, Steve Solon and Dan Wray will prepare a proposal for the purchase of a simple wireless microphone system for DAS. Through the Night Sky Network, DAS received a "Space Rock Outreach Tool Kit", a space rocks kit which includes educational tools about asteroids and meteorites. Ron Pearson displayed the kit to the Board. In addition to rocks, the kit includes two instructional CDs, poster, photos, and bookmarks. Pins will also be shipped later as part of the kit. The Board discussed use of the kit. It was suggested that Keith Pool might use these materials at Outreach Programs. In addition, DAS may want to consider using these materials at Open Houses. The kit will also be made available to members who are speakers and Public Night teams. As yet, it is undetermined where these materials will be stored. Ron Pearson also reported that the Stellacam 3 is being installed on the telescope by Ron Pearson and David Shouldice. As yet, the system is not yet operational. Ron Pearson reported that a Lone Tree resident donated a C11 telescope with wedge, tripod, and eyepieces. The scope appears to be in good shape and there are no restrictions from donator on use. The Board discussed possible uses for the scope. Suggestions included selling it with proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund or using it at DSS if the C14 does not work out. The scope is not designed to be a loaner scope. The scope can not be stored at Chamberlin and is valued at \$1000-\$1500. Property Inventory is still being worked on. The next Annual Meeting is scheduled at Olin Hall for the February 18, 2011 General Meeting. Officer and Executive Board Member nominations are still being accepted. Elections will be held at the Annual meeting, February 18, 2011.

Vice President's report:

Norm Rosling reported that Dimitri Klebe of DMNS will present a program entitled "Dark Universe" at the February 18th Annual Meeting at Olin Hall. Naomi Pequette will present a program for the March Banquet.

No Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report:

Brad Gilman distributed and reviewed the Balance Sheet of DAS holdings. A balance between \$5,000 and \$6,000 is being kept in the checking account at all times. Brad also reported that all electric bills are paid and up-to-date to April, 2011. The lease for DSS is paid and up-to-date. Quick Books has been purchased and is ready to install. The Eboard approved Brad Gilman purchasing a new laptop computer with anti-virus software. Chadd Warwick will complete an anti-virus software update on all other computers. Brad Gilman will present the financial report at the upcoming Annual Meeting on February 18, 2011.

Dark Sky Site report:

Darrell Dodge was absent but Joe Gafford reported that the door to the warming hut is holding up.

External Outreach & PN Teams report:

Ron Pearson reported that Keith Pool will be facilitating one Outreach Program in Vail with charges for the service to be determined. Ron Mickle indicated that a Public Night Coordinator is needed and consider taking nominations for the position.

No Finance report.

VN-H Scholarship report:

Ron Pearson indicated that he renewed the P.O. Box for six months and requests that someone takeover responsibility for the Scholarship Fund. The Fund also needs new committee members. Donations for the fund were received during annual membership renewals. Mr. Van Nattan also provided a \$2,000 donation to this year's fund. The balance of the fund is approximately \$14,000 at this time.

Loaner Program report:

Bill Ormsby reported that there is one loaner scope out and due to be returned next week. Another request was received that has not materialized in a loaner yet.

IT/ListServe and Newsletter report:

Ron Pearson reported that reminder renewal letters will be sent out by Darrell Dodge. Information on the Spring Banquet will be emailed to all members.

Old Business:

The Board set the cost of the Spring Banquet at \$15.00 per person and decided on a menu of Mexican food from Angie's to include 3 orders of Enchiladas, 3 orders of Chili Rellanos, 3 orders of Taco Salad, beverages and dessert to accommodate seventy-five people. Ron Pearson will order the food. Ron Mickle will do the grocery run.

New Business:

Lisa Judd suggested DAS add a "Job Jar" to the newsletter where members can sign up for projects.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.