

## Eboard May 15, 2009 Minutes

Attendees: Ron M., Dan W., Jack, Aaron R., Tim P., Joe G., Frank M., Brad, Steve S., Wayne K., Darrell D., Bill O., Dr. Bob

Pres. Ron – Format for discussion will be closer to Robert’s Rules, keep to 1 minute per person, total of 2 minutes.

### Reports:

DU –Chamberlin: Science Camp at Keystone would like someone to talk on Archeoastronomy. Plans to have signs for Open house nights to be made by Aaron or Dr. Bob, Steve Solon volunteered to make. Suggestion to take out ads in local paper Columbine Courier, cost \$120. Discussion of paid advertising, Ron P., suggested may be able to place free notices if similar to the Canyon Courier paper in Evergreen. Steve S. going to check on that. Aaron reported they had a good event at Sabine Elem. ~ 100 people attended. Sabine asked volunteers to sign a waiver. Ron M., distributed copies. Discussion of not signing if required for future events.

VP Report, Ron reported for Keith – discussed survey of societies on what we do by Astronomical Society of Pacific. ASP will attend our general meeting in August to present a program on their study.

Treas. Rpt.: Received a donation from Libby Everhardt family of \$200. Discussion of where to deposit the funds. After some discussion motion was to deposit it in Van Nattan-Hansen Scholarship Fund. Motion approved. Also received donation for Sandy Shaw memorial of \$50.00. Motion was made to deposit it in Dark Sky site fund. Motion passed. A notice will be put in newsletter to announce the donations.

Van Nattan-Hansen Rpt.: Ron P. reported there are 3 applicants this year, 2 from DAS members and 1 from out of state. Darrell Dodge will get the selection committee together by next Open House.

Dark Site Comm.: Ron M., asked what we should do about replacing committee head? Wayne Kaaz has the checkbook. Is there an immediate need for a head? Wayne noted the need for weeding and discussion of current status as a ‘self-regulating’ “gaggle” with no immediate projects that require a committee. Darrell Dodge volunteered to serve as acting chair. Motion was made to appoint Darrell as committee chair. Motion passed.

Finance Comm.: Frank M., distributed copies of Audio-Vis. Program support proposal and asked for comments. Discussed need for papers for Van Nattan fund. Keith Tillman of LPL will be put on as VN-H Fund broker as broker of record which will simplify tracking of funds and records. Motion to accept change to Tillman as broker of record and Fund account address to be Brad Gilman’s home address as Treasurer. Motion passed. Frank discussed IRS reporting limits for 501c3 increased in 2009. We did not file with IRS in 2008 as our ‘profit’ was under the limit.

Proposal for AV Support was discussed. \$1400 has been spent on 2 monitors and components so far. We have a potential donation of an AstroPhysics Inc. focuser for the Clark. After some discussion motion was made to approve the proposal up to \$3000. Motion passed with 1 nay. Contingent on approval of Dr. Stencel, the focuser to be installed on the Clark would become the property of DU to keep scope component ownership together. Motion was made to accept the donation of the focuser and donate it to DU with an engraved donors name on a plate for the 20" Clark-Saegumuller telescope at Chamberlin Observatory. Motion passed.

#### Old Business:

Dr. Bob – IYA 2009 scheduled for Oct. with Galileo and moons of Jupiter, Observatory night. Found photos and old meeting rosters of DAS and passed back to DAS. Noted the library needs storage for large atlases, a reading chair, some kids astronomy books. Some discussion of building a flat file type storage cabinet for atlases.

List Serve/Website: aumi2930 is the password for wifi in Chamberlin.

AV Cabinet for projector and storage – Ron M., no idea of status, will discuss with Stuart Hutchins.

AV dome room PC – settings were changed by PN ops. Note to leave XPS laptop in rack and convert the Dell box to run programs when Wayne G. returns.

#### New Business:

Spending limits of \$100 for officers and chairs of committees, \$500 for Finance Officer. Motion to reaffirm limits. Motion passed.

Amendment to ByLaws proposed by Ron M., re membership dues Ron P. should revise Article 1, Sec. 3. Proposed amendment distributed.

Electronic speakers for main room – discussed plan for 4 small speakers – in Frank's proposal.

The need for new version of QuickBooks 2009 software was brought up. Newest edition for non-profit orgs. Motion was made to purchase at best possible price. Motion passed.

#### Other Business:

Jack – ATS dues are due. Club rate is \$40, non profits are \$30. Motion made to renew at either cost. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 10:16pm

