

Minutes of August 14, 2009 Eboard Meeting

Present: Ron M., Jack E., Keith P., Frank M., Darrell D., Tim P., Steve S., Wayne G., Brad G., Dr. Bob, Joe G., Dan W. Absent Ginny C., David S.

Minutes of last meeting – Minutes of July meeting were taken by Ginny Cramer who was absent from Aug. meeting.

DU Report: Dr. Bob thanked the Eboard for IDA supplies, and distributed IDA pencils. Announced that the City of Denver is looking at lighting codes and distributed copies of proposed lighting code. Discussed advertising in the Westword newspaper would cost \$150 and DU is willing to split the cost with DAS. Discussed CAD and suggested schedule for two night of Open House observing (fri. and Sat.) to increase odds of clear sky and stretch advertising dollar.

VP Report: Keith noted that pre-meeting dinner attendance is way down and announced a program schedule up through March 2010.

Finance Comm: Frank asked Dr. Bob about the status of floor sanding in the library which DAS is funding. Dr. Bob said there has been no action so far as Aaron's been busy on other things.

FC Projects: Wayne G. updated the status of problems with monitors in the dome room is being worked on and will be replacing the laptop with a dedicated PC for the displays. Hopes this will eliminate others changing settings etc., which is leading to display problems. On donated focuser for 20" the machining is done on the back. Ordered a Stellacam III today from Astrovid. The video cam for setting circles is in and tested, needs to look at where to mount it. New projection screen will be same size as the existing screen.

Dark Sky Site: Darrell reported we need to pay owner Henry for electricity and would like a statement with history of payments for past few years from Brad. Note about DSS orientation coordination is on the website to contact Darrell. Darrell and Joe have been doing weed-wacking. Noted he would like to meet with Henry some time, Ron M., and Joe G., to go with also.

Listserv: The costs for web access of Jan.-July of \$33 for the line and \$33 per month for Yahoo to keep adverts off were discussed. The need for a backup moderator for the Yahooogroup list was noted.

Unfinished Business:

Monitors - statement on agenda. Instructions posted.

Westword Advertising via Email blast – need a sample fo what they do, weblink given to go in and look. Would like a motion to go ahead for \$75 DAS, \$75 DU costs. Questions and discussion of how many words we get, how many times it goes out, for CAD in

October. Motion carried none opposed. Steve Solon will coordinate with Aaron on details and the statement for advertising. Steve will have a draft text at next Eboard.

Donation of Orion Starmax telescope – we need a letter for donation from Brad. Decide on whether to sell or keep, use for Open houses?

Colorado IDA – support for Earthworks Expo on 22-23 Aug.

DAS Calendar 2010 – Joe is sending out a draft.

Astronomy Calendars – DAS will purchase 25.

Ottewell Calendars – proposed purchase for sale to member for \$18.

PN laptop – Ron M., reported that Starry Night Pro program was removed by someone without permission. Ron wants to put administrative protective password on the laptop.

ByLaws – Frank – some are looking over the by-laws. Current copy is Sept. 2004, adopted but not amended in 2006. Discussion of reviewing by-laws and other documents of DAS. Steve Solon will chair a by-law review. Send comments to Steve.

New Business:

Dr. Bob reported Phil Clausen –librarian- has been sorting through books and boxed up extras, they are destined for DAS auction and are not to be taken.

Darrell – approached about advertising in the Observer. Short discussion of pros and cons. Darrell will look into web ad prices.

Keith – a property inventory – custody officer is needed to keep track of DAS equipment, assets. Position of “Quartermaster” created for loan and assets, maintain inventory of telescopes, binoculars, eyepieces, equipment available for loan and to control distribution. Bill Ormsby was nominated and accepted the position – he “will give it a try.”
Noted a public star party will be held the Grange on Aug. 25th.

Meeting adjourned. Too late. Didnt get time.