

DAS Eboard Mtg. Minutes - Feb. 5, 2010

Present: Ron M., Jack E., Steve S., Joe G., Brad, Tim, Norm, Frank, Aaron Reid, Dr. Stencel, Dave S.

Minutes of previous eboard meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

DU Report: Dr. Stencel discussed the problem with the R.A. lock on the 20". The goal will be a repair in the short term, restore the telescope in the long-term and ponder the service life. We have a responsibility to keep it going a lot longer. Fortunate to have some original blue-prints. Repair – there is a good chance of getting it working in weeks or months time-scale. Need to erect scaffolding to get at DEC housing assembly, so plan for downtime. Time to think seriously of restoration project. Has been in touch with ATS contacts, and will form a Director's committee for restoration. DAS to be included with President as main point of contact. Suggesting to bring Chris Ray (ATS) experienced in several restoration projects to Denver sometime in the spring to evaluate the telescope and perhaps could give a talk at a DAS meeting. Aaron drew a diagram of nested shafts and has pulled pins from u-joints. Can use telescope in meantime, but if RA stops, then don't push it. PN Teams to be notified of this. The DEC can be locked to allow movement in RA only, and seems unlikely it will lock-up. Will wait or month or so to proceed with repair due to cold temps in dome. Ron P. suggested DU spring-break week might be a good time to repair.

Treasurer Report: Brad reported there is now \$20K in CDs' now. Received an additional \$300 for VanNattan Hansen Fund. There are about 100 memberships not renewed. Distributed financial report for review. Discussed IDA funds; \$500 for events with \$100 goes to IDA, other \$400 set aside for DU-IDA to support CO-IDA functions. Motion was made to continue with this fund distribution. Motion carried. Aaron will request volunteers for Earthworks Expo in newsletter.

Secretary Report: Ron noted we need storage files for DAS Secretary records and historic documents which Dan Wray has been storing/handling for a number of years. Ron M., agreed and we would review what we have available upstairs and in basement of Chamberlin, and decide what more we need.

Van Nattan-Hansen Fund: Ron reported donations in name of Larry Brooks' memorial were up to \$900 and deposited in CU Money Market Fund. We are still waiting to receive something from Bank of West, Omaha. Had spoken with a manager there who requested our tax I.D., and it might take a couple weeks for a distribution.

Dark Site: Wayne Kaaz reported nothing new. Wayne still needs to set-up meeting with owner. Wayne will check with Darrell on setting a time.

Finance Comm.: Frank reported the new donated focuser ready to go on the 20". Has not rescheduled screen installation between Aaron and Steve Solon.

Outreach: Aaron and Steve Solon to meet with Kevin Sullivan of JeffCo. about a star party at Pine Valley Open Space on Feb. 18th. PN teams notice about the 20'' – Ron Mickle will send out.

Listserv: no problems. Tim Pimentel still having problem getting onto eboard list.

Old Business:

2010 Banquet – Ron M., will email preferences on menu choices.

Telescope Equipment Donations – Ron M., noted we need policy, need to review IRS code for disposal of donated items. Need to discuss disposal since we don't have room for storage of a lot of items. Steve Solon volunteered to re-donate scopes to schools. Letter from a member regarding a possible donation of 8'' SCT will respond and cc Steve suggesting donation to a school. Short-term storage (weeks) in Chamberlin. Frank brought up IRS form 8283 for donations under \$500 and over \$5000 limitations and item 3. Will continue to work on this and develop policy in accordance with IRS rules.

New Business: none

Other monkey business: none

Adjourned 9:35 pm