DAS Eboard Meeting Minutes Jan. 8, 2010

Present: Ron M., Frank M., Dave S., Jack, Keith P., Brad, Joe, Tim, Steve, Norm, Aaron Reid, Wayne G., Dan W.

At the opening of the meeting Secretary Ron Pearson informed the e-board and others present that President Emeritus Larry Brooks was in Swedish Hospital ICU and in grave condition. President Ron Mickle asked everyone for a minute of silence.

DU Report: Aaron Reid reported the donation of Sky and Telescope magazines in good condition. These are being swapped out for issues in the library that were not in good condition. He reported a request from Kevin Sullivan to provide telescopes at Pine Valley Open Space park event. The details and a date to be worked out. Reported the new screen is to be installed Jan. 14.

VP Report: Keith provided list of speakers scheduled through April. Dr. John Bally, CU, to be March Banquet speaker.

Treas. Brad distributed a financial statement, noted he will likely get another CD for $5,000 of DAS general funds.

Van Nattan-Hansen Fund: Brad turned over donation checks to be deposited in CU account. Ron reported he had deposited a donation of $2,000 from Reid Van Nattan into the CU Money Market account and renewed the P.O. box for another year at a cost of $28.00.

DarkSky Site: Re the potential C-14/G11 donation, Ron Mickel reported that Celestron offered to fix the corrector plate, other than that, the status is unknown. There was some discussion of a dome for the DSS.

Finance Comm.: Frank noted that additional donations are coming in with renewals using the new donation form on the renewal notices.

Outreach: nothing to report.

ListServ: nothing to report.

Loaner Scopes: no loans made.

Old Business:

Bylaws – a motion was made to accept the amended bylaws, motion was seconded and approved. Secretary Ron Pearson imprinted the official seal on the amended By-Laws.

Advertising on the website – Ron Mickle proposed policy was not to accept paid advertising on website. After short discussion, the e-board agreed.
New Business:
Frank announced that Brad would be taking a 2 day seminar on Quickbooks at cost of $399.00 within his approval limit.

IYA 2010 – someone noted the need to post events in the Observer.

2010 Banquet – Keith looked into going to White Fence Farm again, the cost would be about $23 per person. Discussion of venues and the decision was to use Darrell’s church again with catering. Two caterers were being considered. Ron Mickle favored an Italian-Mexican menu from Angies.

20-inch Clark – Dec circle light is going bad. Some discussion of need for re-wiring and cameras to view Dec. circle. Periscope is out of alignment.

Nominating Comm.: Dennis Cochrane reported he had received one email but doesn’t remember who.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53pm