

Minutes of Eboard Meeting March 5, 2010

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

DU Report:

Aaron Reid reported they would attempt to repair the RA lock on the 20-inch on 3/19, read email from Dr. Stencel. Aaron met with Kevin Sullivan of JeffCo. Pine Valley park about star party on May 15th. Showed a few pictures of the observatory and location. Is asking for DAS participation with telescopes.

VP Report: Steve Solon is the April speaker unless Chris Ray of ATS is doing a long program about telescope restoration. Mike Carroll, space artist, will speak in May. June 12th is Nat'l Parks Outdoors Day and we could do a booth at Sloan Lake –note same weekend as RMSS.

Treasurer: Brad noted renewals have dropped off, and we have four new members.

DarkSite: Wayne Kaaz contacted Henry (landowner) about a meeting. Darrell Dodge to set up. No word from Darrell yet.

Finance: Frank reported on IRS requirements for donated items. Selling them is ok if Astronomy-mission related. Projector screen will be installed.

ListServe: Ron Mickle wants Greg Marino to set up a Public Night yahoo group and get new members on the e-board list.

Loaner scopes: Bill O., reported one inquiry, but the person was not able to come up with deposit cash.

Old Business:

Mickle reported the possible donation of a Celestron 14 with mount was still in limbo. Cathy is coordinating with owner and Celestron. Owner says we can do with it as we wish. Discussion of paying for repairs if needed. After discussion a motion was made to pay up to \$1500.00 for repair, acquisition and shipping of the C-14 if needed. Motion was seconded. Further discussion of what to do with the scope – consensus of board was to put at the DSS in observatory to be built or at Craig Betzina's property. Motion passed.

New Business:

Dan Wray brought in framed photo posters from Larry Brooks' estate donated to DAS. Noted he found an issue of the Reflector 1957 that has an article that DAS and Denver Public Schools produced a TV program on KRMI called "Cosmos". Wants to find out if some sort of copy is available.

General discussion of DAS support for restoration efforts.

Meeting adjourned 9:13pm

DAS Annual Meeting Minutes – Feb. 26, 2010

Pres. Ron Mickle reviewed upcoming events of E-board meeting 3/5/10 and Open House on 3/20, Spring Banquet 3/27 at Columbine Church. Dr. Stencel noted the 20-inch Clark is not “broken”, but hope to fix during DU Spring break and by Open House. Chris Ray and Fred Orthleib of ATS are coming end of April to assess the telescope and will speak at the April meeting.

Treasurer Brad Gilman reported there is \$52,000 in the Van Nattan Scholarship Fund, \$5,500 in the Dark Site Fund and \$25,200 in the General Fund.

Jack Eastman gave a solar observing report.

Nominations for Officers were closed by the nominating committee of Ivan Geisler and Dennis Cochrane.

Program Speaker introduced was Dr. Jennifer Hoffman a DU faculty Astronomer. Voting by the general membership elected the following officers and board members:

President Ron Pearson
Vice President Norm Rosling
Secretary Bonny Kais
Treasurer Brad Gilman

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

Meeting adjourned to Chamberlin Observatory at 9:30pm