

Minutes of Eboard Meeting July 30, 2010

Officers: Ron Pearson, Pres., Norm Rosling, VP, Bonnie Kais, Sec., Brad Gilman, Treas.

Board: Present: Jack Eastman, David Shouldice, Joe Gafford, Tim Pimentel, Dan Wray, Steve Solon, Keith Pool. Absent: Brad Gilman, Ron Mickle, Frank Mancini

Minutes of the June, 2010 meeting were amended and approved.

DU Report

Dr. Stencil reported that the floors are complete. Also the honeybees on the balcony have been removed by a beekeeper. In addition, the balcony is getting new decking and is being sealed. The cisterns are being refilled by the City which should be notified if the area sinks again. Chris Ray will be here in September for lens cleaning and will also be available to brief everyone at the recertification program taking place that weekend.

President's Report

Ron Pearson attended the Midwest Amateur Imaging Conference (MWAIC).

Vice President's Report

Norm Rosling reported that Dr. James Greene will speak on instrumentation CU sent on the space mission at the August General Meeting. Paul Hemingway may show slides of the sundial. Alan Erickson may speak on using photoshop for imaging. Graduate student, Jamie Lomax may also be asked to give a presentation.

No Secretary's report.

No Treasurer's report.

No Dark Sky Site report.

No Finance report.

Outreach & PN Teams

Keith Pool reported there is a star party to take place on August 18th at the Grange from 7:30-9:30 and a star party at the Broadmoor on September 29th. The Colorado Springs Astronomical Society should be asked if they wish to participate with us. Keith P. also reported that the new policy for External Outreach is now in place.

VN-H Scholarship

The committee needs to make their scholarship selection.

Loaner Program

Bill Ormsby reported no scopes loaned.

No IT/ListServer report.

Newsletter

The date for the Open House was printed wrong in the newsletter and was already printed and distributed. The error has been corrected on the website.

Old Business

Neil Pearson presented a budget proposal for the building of a telescope to be used by students that will be assembled by Neil Pearson, Ariel Sandberg, and Naomi Pequette. The scope will have a 12 and one-half inch mirror with a focal length of 72". Dan W. motioned and Jack E. seconded to provide \$300.00 for the cost of materials. Motion carried. Neil stated the building of the scope would begin the next day. Regarding scope donations, Steve S. reported that a 5" Celestron has been donated to Ken Caryl Middle School The 5" Meade

Refractor will be relocated to the DSS. Norm R. reported that the old slide projectors can be used to do colored light shows. Norm will set up the shows.

New Business

In October, DMNS will premiere their new 3-D Hubble movie. October 16-17th (Saturday/Sunday) is Colorado Astronomy Day. DAS will team up with DMNS to host the 2-day event. A DAS coordinator, ideas and volunteers needed for our part in this event. Norm R. may present a talk on binocular viewing at the museum. In addition, there is an Open House at Chamberlain that Saturday night. During the SPOXT Space Seminar on October 16th, Elizabeth Warner of UMD wants her workshop participants and their families to view asteroids and comets at a DAS Star Party. It was suggested they be invited to the DAS Open House; however, she is concerned about transportation to the observatory for the participants. Fran Ohmer, who has passed, had built a 16" Dob which his wife is ready to donate to DAS. It has been proposed to investigate whether the School of Mines Astronomy Club would be interested in receiving it. Neil Pearson will query Mines relative to their interest in the scope. If not, Dr. S. proposes that a shed on a slab in Observatory Park be constructed to house it. Steve S. announced that the new Astronomer's Den is working well; however, the group may only meet in the summer months.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.