

Minutes of Eboard Meeting June 4, 2010

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

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

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

DU Report

Dr. Stencil reported that Aaron has begun stripping floors and the Transit Room should be completed by June 19th. On June 21st, the Denver City Code will address the new lighting code that highlights light pollution.

Regarding the telescope repairs, the experts have requested feedback. A short list of suggestions was disseminated to the E-board that included cosmetic, optical, mechanical and dome issues. Dr. Bob recommends that Chris disassemble main elements, do proper alignment and clean in the fall and then in the spring have Fred do a minor overhaul of bearings, motors and functionality. Dr. Bob requested comments from group regarding what work DAS wants to bid on. In addition, Dr. Bob will inquire about the sinking cistern on the east side of the observatory.

President's Report

Ron Pearson will miss the June and July General Meetings. Norm Rosling will facilitate the meetings. Chad Moore of the National Parks Service will be a speaker for DAS on Dark Sky Astronomy.

Vice President's Report

Norm Rosling reported that Tim Pimentel will speak on Solar Astronomy at the June General Meeting. Herman Bender will speak on archeo-astronomy at the July General Meeting. Dr. James Greene will speak on instrumentation CU sent on the space mission at the August General Meeting. Chad Moore will be asked to speak possibly at the September General Meeting.

Secretary's Report - Bonnie Kais had no report.

Treasurer's Report

Brad Gilman reported that all accounts are balanced. The insurance policy is due in July and the E-board approved its payment of approximately \$800.00. Brad requests assistance with volunteer letters, membership, and a review of compensated members to be sure they are doing enough to remain on the compensation role. Steve S. volunteered to assist with volunteer letters and membership. Bonnie Kais will assist with membership renewal in the fall.

Dark Sky Site

Joe G. reported maintenance of the DSS building is near completion and required less money than allocated. Weeds cleanup of the site has begun. Ron P. reported that at a special meeting the donated dome offer was rejected for the DSS and Chadd Warwick accepted the dome for personal use.

Finance

Frank Mancini will keep in touch regarding any financial discussions.

Outreach & PN Teams

Ron P. proposed that fees for public schools be dropped for Star Parties. Motion carried. Steve S. will record change in Operations Manual. Due to lack of volunteers for External Outreach, the program is cancelled and will be removed from the website. A lead is needed for recertification training for PN Operators. Email Dr. Bob when recertification steps have been taken and written tests finished for completion. Norm Rosling volunteered to be PN Team #4 speaker.

VN-H Scholarship

No report.

Loaner Program

Bill Ormsby reported no scopes loaned out at this time. David S. volunteered to join the Property Inventory Committee that includes Dan W. and Bill Ormsby. DAS equipment in member homes must be reported or returned.

IT/ListServer

The "Constant Contact" notice of General Meeting has been sent out to members.

Newsletter

Ron P. reported that the Electronic Newsletter went out today. Paper copy has to go to the printer.

Old Business

Steve Solon reported that Cathy recommends not accepting the Celestron scope. Cost for repair is estimated at \$1300+. Regarding scope donations, Frank M. reported DAS can give away anything with a donation letter to fulfill our mission. There is no limit on acceptance of revenue from auction. Under \$500, it is okay to receive. Over \$500, it is okay only if DAS is passing the donation to others. Anything else for \$500 or more, we must keep three years.

New Business

DAS Picnic is July 17 at 3:00. The possibility of a telescope designed by David S. that may serve as a model for a student telescope will be explored.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.