

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting February 25, 2011

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

Executive Board:

Present: Jack Eastman, David Shouldice, Joe Gafford, Dan Wray, Steve Solon, Tim Pimentel, Frank Mancini

Absent: Keith Pool

Minutes of the January 2011 meeting were amended and approved.

DU report:

Dr. Stencil encouraged everyone to promote Globe at Night activities for those active in Public Nights. Participation forms are located in the phone room at Chamberlin. Dr. Stencil distributed a handout of the purchase request for repairs of the Clark telescope at Chamberlin. He reported that the repair report will become a purchase order and requested that DAS share 50/50 on costs for repairs that will be completed the end of May, 2011. He indicated that public nights will need to be blocked out the last few weeks of May for the repairs and on-call help from DAS members may be needed during this time. Work for the first phase of repairs is scheduled to begin the Monday following the May Open House and should be completed by the June Open House. Dr. Stencil will then introduce proposals for future development. The Executive Board reviewed the purchase request guidelines with the following considerations. David Shouldice proposed that some of the exclusions need to be completed at this time. Joe Gafford volunteered to help with wiring as no electrical is included in the purchase request. Tim Pimentel proposed DAS contribute \$15,000 to the rehabilitation project. David Shouldice recommended that the Board discuss other DAS expenditures that may have to be considered outside of this project before committing to a figure. It was also proposed that the door fee for DAS activities be raised \$1.00 per visitor until appropriate repair funds are raised and then fees can be lowered again. Following discussion, the Board determined that DAS may be able to assist with the finances for the telescope repair project through fundraising activities and/or a donation box. Brad Gilman and Frank Mancini will put together a monetary review for discussion at the next meeting. Ron Pearson will explore fundraising options. Dr. Stencil proposed that DAS also consider cost sharing through a payment program.

President's report:

Ron Pearson reported that the Stellacam has been installed. Joe Gafford is making needed repairs and will complete the project soon. The DAS field trip to the Little Thompson Observatory in Berthoud is planned for April 23rd. Ron Pearson will notify the membership to make reservations. Up to 50 participants can be accommodated. All will be carpooling from Chamberlin. Theron Hampton will be asked to spearhead a Volunteer Participation Prize. A raffle will be held to choose among all those who qualify. Some DAS members plan to attend ALCON 2011 in Bryce Canyon. It has been reported that lodging and camping reservations are already becoming difficult to acquire.

Vice President's report:

Norm Rosling reported that all guest speaker programs have been completed for his term. Naomi Pequette will present at the March Banquet.

No Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report:

Brad Gilman reported that DAS has been donating \$100 dues per year to the IDA. Steve Solon proposed that DAS pay \$100 this year plus a \$100 donation. Following discussion, a motion was made to pay IDA the \$100 dues plus a donation of \$100. Motion passed.

Dark Sky Site report:

Ron Pearson reported that DSS will be implementing a new orientation for new members. It is yet to be determined what will be included and who will be in charge. Observatory construction should begin in April, weather permitting.

External Outreach & PN Teams report:

The Star Party in Vail was completed. The next Star Part is April 25th at The Grange. Lisa Judd volunteered to help out with Globe at Night activities on Tuesday and Thursday Public Nights. Hugh Davidson is the new Public Nights Coordinator. Wayne Green has returned to Public Night Team #4. Another Team #4 telescope operator is needed to replace Rick Loper who is often on call for work at that time.

Finance report:

Frank Mancini and Brad Gilman will investigate the capital available for the Clark telescope repair cost-sharing proposal for discussion at the next meeting.

VN-H Scholarship report:

Tim Pimentel will be the new Scholarship Committee chairman.

Loaner Program report:

Bill Ormsby reported that one scope was loaned out for the month and has been returned. Chadd Warwick presently has a solar scope out on loan.

IT/ListServe and Newsletter report:

Chadd Warwick reported that he has been putting anti-virus software on DAS computers and updating back-up drives.

Old Business:

The Spring Banquet is Saturday, March 19, 2011.

New Business:

Photos of new officers and Executive Board members need to be taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.