

**DAS E-Board Minutes for
August 19, 2011**

Officers and Board members present: Ron Pearson, Pres; Dennis Cochran, Sec'y; Brad Gilman, Treas; Board members Jack Eastman, Joe Gafford, Chuck Habenicht, Ron Hranac, Tim Pimentel, Dave Shouldice, Dan Wray.

Observatory Reps present: none.

Others members & guests present: Hugh Davidson (Scope Operations), Bill Ormsby.

Not present: Lisa Judd VP, Ron Mickle (Past Pres), Keith Pool, Darrell Dodge, Aaron Reid.

Previous Minutes were read, amended and approved.

REPORTS:

Observatory Report: None.

President: Brooks Observatory dedication tomorrow. A plaque to be put inside and a sign for the outside were shown to the group and appreciated.

Dan Wray says he started to install a new floor in the warming hut. The old floor is gone but the new one not yet in place.

- Should we ad lib an unscheduled Open House in September? (yes - 9/17) Hugh D will poll Team 7 about supporting one on the 17th. After discussion an Open House on the 17th was scheduled.

- September E-Board meeting? Maybe. It would be Friday the 16th. (yes)

Veep: Not present.

Secretary: Back online with a new Yahoo account as dbcoch2. Old account messed up and unavailable.

Treasurer: EGKDSS account has about \$4500, as does the General Fund.

Ron P: We allocated \$1500 for 20" Clark. What was the final fixup cost? (We're paying quarterly chunks based on a cost of \$12,500.)

Brad: Don't know the final cost yet.

- Discussion of tracking problems with the Clark, plus no tail lights. LEDs would be good to replace current setup. We need input from Aaron on the Clark.

Wayne Green's planned encoders could be a problem if not compatible with the version of The Sky on our laptop at the scope.

IT: Laptop security s/w updates needed.

Loaner Program: One out, two available.

Public Night Teams: Certifications are awaiting a fix for the drifting RA problem.

Newsletter: Nothing new.

Outreach: Keith not here. DMNS Colo Astro Day upcoming 10/1. We will support with solar scopes, several talks, information table. (A sign-up sheet was passed at the General Meeting.)

Van Natten Scholarships: Both candidates were awarded scholarships at last month's General Meeting.

Old Business:

- Webcasts with stellacam: Sort of worked. Ron P & Dave S working.
- Ron bought a label maker for property inventory.
- Auction 10/8 in place of General Meeting.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Was motioned, voted and passed.