

**DAS E-Board Minutes for
May 11, 2012**

Officers and Board members present: Ron Pearson, Pres, was absent; Lisa Judd, VP; Dennis Cochran, Sec'y; Brad Gilman, Treasurer.

Board members: Jack Eastman, Joe Gafford, Chuck Habenicht, Dan Wray, Ron Hranac. Naomi Pequette, David Shouldice & Chuck Carlson absent.

Observatory Reps: Aaron Reid.

Others members & guests: Bill Ormsby.

Previous Minutes were read and approved as amended.

REPORTS:

Observatory. Aaron: Reminded us of the solar events on 5/20 and 6/5. The server had been down, was rebooted by Aaron. Brad: The hard drive whines.

Uninterruptible power supply (IPS) didn't work. Dan: It needs a new battery. Aaron is to buy a new IPS. (He did, reported 6/8.)

Memorial Day outreach contact - Lisa to email Amanda P. to contact Aaron.

President. Lisa: Stellacam not going to work for the solar events. Other option tbd. Ron & Dr. Bob working.

A Japanese TV crew is coming 5/17 to film our Public Nite. The relevant scope team has been notified. DU has a Japanese-speaking person who can help. Aaron is to receive email about this via E-Board email.

DMNS Events: At least two DAS scopes and two from DMNS will be at DMNS for the eclipse. DMNS doors will be open on the west side only for the restroom. More DAS people to be at Chamberlin for the event, and for the transit.

Veep. Lisa Judd: Roger Clark will be our June speaker. As a member of the club he doesn't get a stipend for this.

Job Jar: No candidates yet for the Your Hub publicity job, for assisting Darrell with the club roster maintenance, or to honcho the showing of the IDA "City Dark" film. We will mention this at the next general meeting and bring it up at the following E-Board. We got hits on the scope operator positions: three people and two others possible. These must be 18 years old and members. Hugh will inform Lisa as to how he will incorporate these people into the line-up.

Lisa: We need a sheet of how-to-undergo-training information for candidates. Lisa will talk to Dr. Bob and follow up.

It would also be nice to always have a club member prepared as a backup speaker in case of no-show speakers.

Secretary: No report.

Treas: Brad: He referred to a balance sheet he had passed out to attendees. PayPal takes three % of all transactions. A discussion of this resulted in the decision to pay this as a periodic cost-of-business lump sum rather than accounting for it as an add-on to each transaction. A MOTION was made to this effect and PASSED. The club is re-registered with the state as a 501c3 organization.

New Business: Eclipse activity advertisements being done by Dr. Bob .

Ron Pearson made instructions for the Stellacam, emailed these to the Board.

Darrell Dodge to get rid of the "we do private parties" notice on the web page, since we don't do these any more.

Brad Gilman will frame our club's Night Sky Network participation certificate for display at open houses and public nights. Jack posted a copy on the bulletin board above the literature rack in the observatory. Perhaps that will do the job...?

Picnic Planning: The picnic date is 7/28. We have lots of soda, but requests were made to get more Mtn Dew and Dr. Pepper. No Alcohol is allowed in the park. It was agreed that last year's picnic went well and we should do this one the same way. Lisa will go to Slayton's BBQ for the club-supplied meat. Advertising to club members for the picnic will be via email, the web page, Constant Contact and the June & July Observers. Picnic shelter: rent one? No. Grumpy to bring one. Lisa would like to see four shelters total. A request will be put in the Observer.

Committee Reports:

DSS: Darrell not here.

Public Nights: Hugh not here.

IT: No report. Discussion established that we need a new website reservations system. Chadd - Ron P - Darrell working this.

External Outreach: Amanda not here.

Loaner Program: Nothing new.

Van Natten: No report.

Old Business: Eclipse and Transit: see above.

Staunton State Park: A new member lives near the site.

Roster stapling: Amanda.

Fran Ohmer scope: nothing new.

Next Board meeting June 8.

Adjournment: MOTION was made and PASSED to adjourn.