

**DAS E-Board Minutes for
June 8, 2012**

Officers and Board members present: Ron Pearson, Pres; Lisa Judd, VP was absent; 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.

Observatory Reps: Aaron Reid.

Others members & guests: Bill Ormsby, Hugh Davidson (Public Nights.)

Previous Minutes were read and approved as amended.

REPORTS:

Observatory. Aaron: Dr. Stencel felt that we handled both solar events, the partial eclipse and the Venus transit, well, and he thanked us. Several TV channels showed up for the latter event. The DAS Internet connection was down for the transit, so Ron ran a transit simulation on the monitor downstairs instead.

Aaron has an Outreach request: Danni Danko for the Governor's Mansion on 9/14. The DAS will receive \$150 for supporting this with telescopes.

DU has scheduled some Observatory maintenance for this summer.

President. Ron: Also mentioned Dr. Stencel's thanks for the solar event support. About 1000 people came for the transit and almost that many for the eclipse. The donation money we collected in the Observatory for the transit instead of selling tickets was picked up by Dr. Stencel.

Ron will be out of town in late June and miss the next Open House.

Veep. Lisa: Was absent.

Secretary: No report. Inquired about possible injuries during recent hailstorm. There was none. Aaron says there was no damage to the Observatory.

Treas: Brad: He referred to and explained the contents of a balance sheet he passed out to attendees. We have had a spate of new members since we went to the PayPal way of paying dues on the web. Joining the club is now very easy.

Reports: Ron used Deep Sky Imaging S/W for the transit, capturing images on the Stellacam attached to the Grubb 6" refractor finderscope of the 20" Clark. Stuart Hutchins and Aaron Reid helped aim the scope at the sun for this.

Dark Sky Site: Darrell was absent. DAS has not met with Henry (site owner) yet re the lease or the oil/gas drilling that is starting to happen in the vicinity of the DSS. Drilling has started about 1/2 mile away.

The fixing of the floor of the 14" scope dome is still pending.

Public Nights: Lisa is getting trainees for operator roles, including Neil Pearson. With these there are now five trainees. Since not all of these will become operators, this will be enough for awhile. Ron thought we might pull our trainee notice from the Job Jar for awhile.

Teams 7 & 2 seem to be short. David Shouldice mentioned that it might be possible to take on

team members who were not operators, but people-managers.

IT: Chadd Warwick will step down as IT person, so we will need a replacement.

Night Sky Network: DAS is #2 in the country in Outreach!

Student + External Outreach: Amanda absent. She has given Ron a draft Mission Statement, which was posted by him on E-Board email.

Loaner Program: Lisa has the PST. Ron mentioned that Craig Betzina has requested use of the SSP Photometer. Naomi mentioned that it was used extensively by Dr. Stencel's crew at the Mt. Evans observatory. The loan of it to Craig was approved, thru 9/15/12.

Pat Razor was interested in our Sky Quality Meter, but since we have only one, this was not approved. Ron will tell him.

Van Natten: Tim Pimentel not here.

New Business: Chamberlin DAS IT issues: Ron emailed Wayne re our Internet link, set up by Wayne. Our bills say Century Link on them, yet the link belongs to ICG Telecom. This fee is automatically debitted from our bank account. Ron wants to look into getting a new provider.

Old Business: Burt Watson has video clips of DAS people and activities and astronomical objects, which could be used for membership ads. Ron feels this is unnecessary. Naomi suggested these clips could be put on our website, and Ron concurred.

Plans for our Annual Picnic: The date will be Saturday 7/28 at 4pm, followed by an Open House. Lisa will bring the barbeque from the Springs. We'll have another Board Meeting before then to finalize plans.

Adjournment: MOTION was made and PASSED to adjourn.