

**DAS E-Board Minutes for  
July 13, 2012**

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

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

**Observatory Reps:** Aaron Reid.

**Others members & guests:** Bill Ormsby, Hugh Davidson (Public Nights) Darrell Dodge (EGKDSS).

**Previous Minutes** were read and approved as amended.

**REPORTS:**

**Observatory.** Aaron: Aaron had set up an electric outlet on the wall opposite the screen for the projector, with a remote for same and a red pointer.

The coming Open House might be crowded because a group of Boy Scouts will be coming by to work on merit badges.

Meyer-Womble was damaged in a windstorm, and a contractor will be working it, with a new dome.

**President.** See below.

**Veep.** Lisa: Speaker Dan Greenidge in August will talk on BioBlitz in Rocky Mtn Nat Pk, including a sky quality (light pollution) survey along the Front Range and RMNP.

**Job Jar:** City Dark film: the TV version was cut from the original and not much IDA-related material was there. There are two takers for managing this, so we will continue with it. We also have enough scope operator trainees but could use some people-manager types for public nights. We're still looking for a PHP programmer to take over Chadd Warwick's IT job.

**Secretary:** Will not be here 8/22-9/19. Naomi Pequette volunteered to take minutes at the Sept. Board meeting.

**Treas:** Brad: Passed out a financial report. PayPal still drawing in new members. The jacket fund needs clean-up. The DSS fund is fine.

**Reports:**

**EGKDSS:** Darrell D: Work Party 7/14. The poles for the windscreens have been installed and serve to block some of the light from the oil rig that has appeared nearby recently. If that oil rig pays out we will have to move. Users of the DSS want training on the 14".

**Public Nights:** Two trainees have been certified, another backed out. Team 7 for Open Houses still needs a person.

**IT:** No response yet on a replacement for Chadd. No work on the Internet connection yet. There was a discussion of possibilities for cell phone use at the DSS.

**Night Sky Network:** Chuck Habenicht absent.

**Student + External Outreach:** Amanda absent, Ron hasn't heard from her for two months. Lisa will check on her. DAS made \$150 from the Grange event, which was well-attended.

Loaner Program: Lisa returned the PST.

Van Natten: Tim Pimentel not here. We have one applicant so far.

**New Business**: We have sent a letter to the oil exploration company regarding the lights on their rig. As far as we know the rig will be active at least thru July.

**Old Business**: Burt Watson's video clips will go on our website.

Annual Picnic: BBQ plans awry from the Waldo Cyn fire, but we'll do it with a caterer. It should cost us \$11 per person. We'll assume 60 people. KT's BBQ on Colo Blvd will do it for \$500, Lisa working it. Shelters: Two have been promised and a request is out on the DAS listserve. Lots of soda stocked in the observatory but we might need more, plus coffee cups for our after-meeting use.

**Adjournment**: MOTION was made and PASSED to adjourn.