

**DAS E-Board Minutes for
August 10, 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, Chuck Habenicht, Ron Hranac. Naomi Pequette, David Shouldice. Chuck Carlson and Dan Wray were absent.

Observatory: Dr. Stencel.

Others members & guests: Bill Ormsby, Hugh Davidson (Public Nights), John & Elaine Barela, Justin Modra, Amanda Perry (Outreach). Darrell Dodge (EGKDSS) was absent.

Previous Minutes were read and approved as amended.

REPORTS:

Observatory. Dr. Stencel: Attendance at the Observatory has been good this year. Two new operators have come online.

An observing opportunity occurs on 9/16, the occultation of a star by an asteroid.

A new dome for the Meyer-Womble Observatory is being made, possibly installed next month. The scope's two mirrors will be re-coated.

President. Ron: After a second letter was sent to the oil company with the well-lit drill rig near the EGKDSS they dismantled it and turned off the lights. Probably a dry hole.

A new projector has been installed in the ground floor room of Chamberlin where public night talks are given.

Ron has posted a computer file showing the DAS policy for accepting donations for outreach events. It gives the particulars of who we ask for donations and who we do not. We do this rather than 'charge' for these activities.

Veep. Lisa: Our Sept. speaker is the coordinator of the JeffCo parks astronomy program.

Job Jar: We have a new crowd-control person for public nights. There were no hits on the still-open IT or the Your-Hub position. A new job was added: a person to make new-member folders for award to same at our General Meetings. (We used to give out these folders but had dropped the practice.)

Secretary: Will not be here 8/22-9/19. Naomi Pequette volunteered to take minutes at the Sept. Board meeting. The Barelans volunteered to fold and mail the hard-copy Observers. Darrell will be phoned with this news so he can send them the address labels.

Treas: Brad: The picnic meal cost \$385. No money was collected from the MIT grad group at the last Open House since it was cloudy.

Reports:

EGKDSS: Darrell absent.

Public Nights: We should remind public nights people that we have a new projector.

IT: No report.

Night Sky Network: Chuck H: We received a new box of educational materials. There was a

discussion of flaky help-me emails to NSN groups. Ron gets and deletes them.

Student + External Outreach: Amanda: Keith had no contacts to pass on to her.

A gig at the Governor's Mansion has been postponed.

Ron will forward an email re Castle Rock Parks & Rec request to Amanda.

Three people (meteorite talk + 2 scopes) will be at Majestic View Nature Center Monday 8/13.

The Coleman Campout was supported by Amanda and _____. 75 people attended.

Loaner Program: Amanda says a friend of hers will seek a loaner scope for her group.

Van Natten: Tim Pimentel not here. Some PayPal money will end up in the VN account.

New Business:

Justin Modra, a new DAS member: He is interested in the "City Dark" film on light pollution and feels we should buy a copy, \$295, which includes a license for unlimited showings. He says the film is very relevant for IDA concerns. We could show it at Darrell's UU Church and at least two other venues. Justin would like to work with other members on this.

Jack Eastman made a MOTION to buy the film. Discussion: Dr. Stencel suggested we show it at a General Meeting and get it to other local clubs. Lisa felt we should wait until we know what all the venues will be. It turns out that we have \$400 for IDA activities and the \$295 could come out of this. The motion to buy the film was PASSED.

Justin said that his Wisconsin club did sidewalk astronomy outreach at local malls and it was very successful. Mall management came to welcome the practice, and dimmed the lights for the events, and donated money to the club. Justin would like to do this at Southland Mall (in Aurora at Smoky Hill and E-470) on a Wednesday. Possible problem: DAS insurance does not cover this. Justin will talk to mall people about insurance.

Jack Eastman said that Sheridan (city) will allow him to set up for solar observing on 9/23.

Adjournment: MOTION was made and PASSED to adjourn.