

**DAS E-Board Minutes for  
December 7, 2012**

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

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

**Observatory:** Aaron Reid.

**Others members & guests:** Tim Pimentel (Van Natten). Bill Ormsby and Norm Rosling still out sick. Hugh Davidson & Darrell Dodge absent.

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

**REPORTS:**

**Observatory.** Radiators in Chamberlin have been replaced by a ground floor in-floor heating system. The ready room and DAS office still have radiator heating. Ground floor radiators will be removed or just remain passive. The dome is not heated.

**Keys:** Aaron will give each PN crew new keys, and any other key holders will also get new ones. The alarm code will change. Norm and Bill not to get new keys yet. The DAS mirror-grinding barrels in the basement are to be removed. There are three down there and Aaron has one at his house. But if we do another mirror class the barrels can stay.

**President:** Update on Bill O & Norm R: Ron mentioned making Norm an Honorary Member, and a MOTION to do so was made by Jack Eastman, and PASSED. (Bill Ormsby is already an Honorary Member.) Bill is at Swedish Hospital. Norm is at a rehab hospital at 900 Potomac in Aurora.

**Re the Nominating Committee:** Article V of our bylaws requires a non-E-Board member to be the Chairman. Tim Pimentel is currently that person and fills the requirement.

The E-Board needs a person to be the tie-breaker in voting, since the past president is no longer active; this is required by the By-Laws but has been consistently ignored in the past. We seem to need either to appoint a tie-breaker to the Board or change the By-Laws.

**Veep:** January thru April we have speakers for the General Meetings. We will skip the Job Jar discussion this month. Lisa mentioned open JJ positions, but it was decided that Bill & Norm's functions should be dealt with first. A get-better present of an RASC Handbook has been purchased. The Jack Eastman MOTION to do that was PASSED. Two people have volunteered to do Norm's PN talks.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treas:** Yearly dues, now synchronized to be due in January, are coming up. The Payment to Henry Weisensee for the Dark Sky Site is TBD, as is the payment to the IDA (\$100 donation.) The Secretary made a MOTION to make that donation and it PASSED. Dues renewals emails will be made to members, who can renew via PayPal.

**Committee Reports:**

**EGKDSS:** Darrell D was absent. We will try a meeting with Henry next week. The drilling oil company may be trying new holes in the vicinity.

Public Nights: Hugh Davidson absent. Bill O used to take payments for PNs; whoever does that in his absence, Brad has the key to the money box. Some member of each team needs to be downstairs, probably the speaker.

Team 7: Needs a stairs guard for 12/22. We may have to buttonhole someone that night. Lisa helps in the dome. Mike Hotka may help in the dome also. Ron may do the stairs if necessary.

New Clocks in Dome: Look great but having temperature problems. Tim is working on the clocks to get around this problem.

IT: The laptop is working.

Night Sky Network: Four boxes of NSN goodies are upstairs.

Loaner Program: Need a replacement for Bill. We also need to combine this function with that of Club Inventory Keeper. Chuck Carlson volunteered. The equipment sign-out book and forms are upstairs.

Van Natten: Made \$14 on investment dividends. Reif Van Natten to make another donation, but he is hard to contact by email.

Outreach: Englewood High School TBD later in year - Jack E & others. A check from Tesoro Foundation TBD. We received one from the Mtn View Nature Center.

**Old Business:** Auction scopes status: the C5 need mount mods. Ron P to do per Cathy's suggestions. Cathy won't do a how-to-buy-scope talk at 12/22 Open House.

The LCD projector is back on the market. Chuck Carlson to look at it at home, may buy it.

Club Calendars ready.

Reservations SW doesn't work for 2013 (Aaron.) Ron to talk to Scott Leach, our IT guy.

**New Business:** See above for Club re-ups.

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