

Denver Astronomical Society
Minutes of March 1, 2013 E-Board Meeting

Officers Present:

President	Ron Pearson
Vice President	Lisa Judd
Secretary	Dennis Cochran
Treasurer	Brad Gilman

Board Members Present:

Jack Eastman
Joe Gafford
Chuck Habenicht
David Shouldice
Dan Wray
Ron Hranac
Chuck Carlson

Absent:

Naomi Pequette

Board Members Pro Tem Present:

John Barela
Digby Kirby

Observatory Representative:

Aaron Reid

Other Members and Guests:

Hugh Davidson (Public Nights)
Eileen Barela

Previous Meeting's Minutes were read, amended and approved.

Reports

Observatory:

Aaron was not able to reproduce the clicking and image-jump that had been seen and felt in the 20" scope's right ascension motion.

Periodical holders now in the library need to be utilized.

Dome-opening cable gets caught; Aaron added hardware to fix it.

A discussion ensued re internet access in Chamberlin. We have wi-fi there.

President:

The new Public Nights Reservation System, Web Reserve, has been running for a week and works. PayPal is not being used for PN reservations. The old reservations computer to be removed.

The Ohmer-donated scope, a big Dobsonian, to be moved to storage in Dennis Cochran's garage Saturday.

A note on PN Team 4: Wayne Green has resigned, and should he want to return, should apply to the E-Board. Aaron will pick up Wayne's key to Chamberlin.

For the next Open House, Ron Pearson will do the Your Hub notice in the local newspaper (this function is still in our Job Jar awaiting a volunteer). At March's Open House, Comet PANSTARRS may be barely visible low in the west at sunset.

Vice President:

Lisa reported that we have Doug Duncan for a June meeting speaker, and we could possibly have a web-based speaker in May. For that we'd need the DU web-server.

Job Jar: The Barelans will take over doing the New Member folders, packages given to new members at a General Meeting (we used to do that but not lately). Details of what it contains could be discussed at a future Board meeting. We've had no takers on a Communications Person.

The Spring Banquet is good to go.

Secretary:

No report.

Treasurer:

Brad Gilman passed out info sheets regarding our various funds.

Dark Sky Site:

Darrell Dodge said that the oil rig near the DSS will be operating until at least 3/10/13. The bright lights have been placed low on the rig. These may impact our Messier Marathon.

A note on Club membership: now at 312 people. About half seem to open their server email message.

Public Nights:

Hugh Davidson reports that on Team Four, two others besides Wayne Green have left the team, which now needs three people. Lisa Judd commented that Sarah Borenstein wants to join, and others were mentioned in the ensuing discussion. A group has been arranged for the next Team 4 night. A Public Nights operators' meeting is planned.

IT:

Scott Leach (absent) wants to change the wireless access point (transmitter) at Chamberlin.

Night Sky Network:

Pins and awards will be given out at the Spring Banquet. Chuck Habenicht has the candidate list, which was passed out for review, as a result of which names were added and subtracted.

Loaner Program:

Dena McClung has a scope. No other activity.

Outreach:

Jeff Kieft had a good session at an elementary school. Chuck Habenicht is tracking outreach but there is as yet no Coordinator for this function, which is in our Job Jar.

Van Natten:

The Treasurer has access to the Van Natten fund information.

Old Business:

Darrell Dodge is working on the Club Roster. It will be printed at Office Max for \$400. A MOTION was made to do this and PASSED. Dena McClung may do the roster in the future.

Patti Kurtz had planned to discuss the Observer at this meeting but was absent.

New Business:

Ron Pearson handed the books related to the President's office to Ron Hranac. Ron Hranac mentioned that he wants to pursue one main topic at the next board meeting: a SWOT analysis. This is a meeting procedure from the business world that involves discussion of an organization's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Adjournment:

was MOVED and PASSED.