

Denver Astronomical Society
Minutes of December 20, 2013 E-Board Meeting

Officers Present:

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| President | Ron Hranac | Vice President | Lisa Judd |
| Secretary | Dena McClung | Treasurer | Brad Gilman |

Board Members Present:

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| Johnny Barela | Jack Eastman | Joe Gafford | Chuck Habenicht |
| | Digby Kirby | Ed Scholes | Dan Wray |
| Ron Pearson, Immediate Past President | | | |

Absent: Scott Leach

Observatory Representative:

Dr. Robert Stencel

Other Members and Guests:

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| Hugh Davidson, Volunteer Coordinator | Tim Pimental, Election Chairperson |
| Neil Pearson | Eileen Barela |

The meeting was called to order with a quorum present at 7:30 p.m.

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

Chamberlin Business: Dr. Stencel reported that he had received a semi-urgent message on the Chamberlin telephone line, which was forwarded to Ron Hranac. The majority of the messages are in regard to reservations. He suggested that DAS clarify the FAQ on the reservation webpage to alleviate as many of those calls as possible. He also reported that he has a minor, Connor Bray (a student of Ron Mickle), who is requesting telescope training. He suggested that DAS consider creating an MOU between the club and the parents to assure proper supervision and to address liability issues.

Dr. Stencel described the recommended parking location for future meetings, and suggested that DAS disseminate the information via our website and Constant Contact. He created a diagram showing the location of that parking using a Google Earth screen shot. The parking kiosk accepts cash, credit cards and bitcoins.

Treasurer's Report: Brad reported that membership renewals are being prepared and will go out after January 1. He has been receiving phone calls asking about them. He has recently paid the DSS electricity bill, which was \$218 for the year, and the bill from the Western Amateur Astronomers. A **motion was made and passed** to pay the IDA bill (\$100) plus provide another \$400 to promote light pollution mitigation. Brad reported that the total bill for the Christmas party was upwards of \$1,600. Ticket purchases covered \$1,100 of that bill, and the remaining \$500 shortfall was paid out of DAS funds. As for balances, Brad said "We have tons of money."

Elections: An announcement regarding nominations (which will take place beginning at the January meeting) and the annual officer and e-board election (which will take place during the February

meeting) will be placed in the January *Observer* and will go out via Constant Contact email. The new officers and board will be seated at the March banquet meeting.

Van Nattan-Hansen Scholarship Fund: The current VNH board is comprised of Tim Pimental, Ron Pearson, Ivan Geisler, and Brenda Wray. The fund currently totals \$77, 944.42, including \$1,780.65 in proceeds from the October auction. There were no applicants for the scholarship in 2013. At present, one person is making inquiries about the scholarship. Tim agreed to advertise the scholarship to schools through emails and to advise other Colorado astronomy clubs of it.

Miscellaneous: Ron Pearson is donating his once-watched copy of the DVD “Undaunted” (about the Allegheny Observatory) to the DAS library. He will also get an estimate from the printer for getting 500 public night envelopes printed.

Budget: The remainder of other DAS normal business was suspended until January to allow the officers and board members time to create a budget for 2014. It was noted that the DAS will need to issue donation letters to donors for tax purposes, and that will be addressed at the January meeting as well. A **motion was made and passed** to accept the budget, which follows these minutes as a separate document.

Next Meeting: The next e-board meeting will be held on Friday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 9:35 p.m.