Denver Astronomical Society
Minutes of July 18, 2014 E-Board Meeting

Officers Present:
President - Ron Hranac    Vice President - Stuart Hutchins
Secretary - Dena McClung  Treasurer - Luis Uribe

Board Members Present:
Jack Eastman   Joe Gafford   Chuck Habenicht   Digby Kirby   Ed Scholes   Sorin   Jeff Tropeano

Absent:
Dan Wray     Ron Pearson

Observatory Representative:
Dr. Robert Stencel

Other Members and Guests:
Dennis Cochran   Johnny and 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: A receipt has been presented by DU for the $5,000 donation. Dr. Stencel thanked the board verbally and with a letter. He also distributed a paper entitled “Charge to the Chamberlin Futures Committee” with recommendations to DAS for continuing to support Chamberlin in other manners.

Treasurer's Report: This was received via email and is included in the attached online updates. Luis reported that the only remaining account with unchanged signers is the VNH fund. He is having severe problems with the treasurer's laptop, which shuts down after about five minutes of use due to some sort of conflict. He will be contacting Scott to resolve the issue. All DAS data has been backed up and is not at any risk of loss.

Old Business

Chamberlin 120th Anniversary Celebration: The event is slated for tomorrow. Dr. Stencel cited the need for certified telescope operators to be on hand in the dome throughout, and asked that we ensure that the public does not touch the telescope. Jeff reported that there are 104 RSVPs on Facebook and that the event has received 68,000 advertising impressions. He asked that volunteers wear their lanyards and IDs.

Office Equipment Recommendations: Jeff reported that he has information on three shredders but has yet to look at printers. He will email his recommendations to the board.

Survey Results Recommendations: Jeff gave an analytical overview of the results, using the Common Themes chapter of his report for his basis. He suggested that the board urge members to self-organize to achieve the goals they are seeking within the club. One answer to the issue of dissatisfaction with the meeting location and times is to make the meetings available online (although that just provides one-way communication). He noted that we have over a thousand followers on Social Media and more than a thousand views on You Tube. He reported that the results could be covered in a member meeting in fifteen minutes.
**Google Drive use by Non-Profits:** Jeff and Stuart have discussed defining the problem, forming a committee, and considering a variety of possible solutions. It was agreed to defer the topic to the next meeting. Jeff advised that Google won't be going anywhere anytime soon, but that Yahoo isn't doing so well. Ron asked Jeff to form the committee, and Luis volunteered to be on it.

**DAS Summer Picnic:** Dan is bringing charcoal. It was noted that the park permits alcoholic beverages with an alcohol content limit of 6%.

**Astrocon Participation by DAS:** The committee (with the Salt Lake club) met with the city of Casper today. We will get notes on that meeting from Lowell. They still would like to have DAS provide five or six volunteers to help with vendors.

**Dark Sky Site Lease Renewal:** Discussion is deferred until Darrell is present to provide an update.

**New Member Welcome Letter:** Jeff and Ron Hranac are working on this offline. Jeff recommended that DAS consider branding our name and logo, and using it extensively on everything we do. One item is letterhead. Stuart found some old letterhead under the cash boxes, but used a file to create his own for a recent letter.

**Finance Committee Reserve Recommendations:** The committee has been looking into recommendations. Ron Hranac asked them to present them in 30 to 60 days.

**New Business**

**DAS 2015 Calendar:** Joe presented his draft of the 2015 calendar. A minor issue was noted with Public Night times, one that he can easily correct. It was decided to change the October 27, 2015 Public Night to an Open House due to the lunar eclipse that will occur that evening. It was noted that we should ask the City of Denver if the lawn sprinklers are scheduled to operate during that time.

**Public Night Fees:** The question of when to implement the increased fees for public nights was discussed. Although many were in favor of making the change at year-end, it was decided that Hugh needs to bring this (and other related issues) before a meeting of the public night volunteers. Ron Hranac will ask Hugh to schedule that meeting soon.

**DAS Merchandise Sales at Open Houses:** Eileen volunteered to work with Jennifer Roberts to inventory and price the items in stock.

**Miscellaneous:** Chuck unveiled the oversize check which will be presented to DU by the DAS at tomorrow's celebration. Jeff advised that he will miss the August meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next e-board meeting will be held on Friday, August 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 9:02 p.m.
SUBJECT: Yahoo Group Listerves  
REPORTED BY: Greg Marino  
DETAILS: A proposal was made to the e-board to allow file attachments on the main DenverAstro group. This action was approved by the e-board and the group settings were changed. A 2 MB size limit was proposed and communicated, subject to review after 3 months. The Yahoo Group/Listserve rules were updated to include a paragraph on file/photo attachments, and to remove the statement that the Observer newsletter was one of the primary venues for classified advertising (the newsletter editor had informed us that there wasn't room).  
There are 157 denverastro yahoogroup members. No new members in the past month. Joe G. was put on moderated status due to spam, is back on 'normal' status and his problem with uploading files was corrected by Greg. One member of denverastro group remains on moderated status. I will be traveling so there will be no backup moderator until Aug. 3rd. Greg will respond when he can to whatever comes up. Ron #1  
E-BOARD ACTION: No action required

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SUBJECT: Quartermaster's Report  
REPORTED BY: Ed Scholes  
DETAILS: No scopes on loan at this time  
E-BOARD ACTION: No action required.

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SUBJECT: Membership Survey  
REPORTED BY: Jeff Tropeano, Digby Kirby, Jack Eastman  
DETAILS: Jeff, Jack, and Digby have completed the membership survey report to be delivered to the e-Board. It is attached here for review. Jeff will bring a few printed copies to e-Board.  
E-BOARD ACTION: Review of report at Friday’s e-Board meeting.

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SUBJECT: Treasurer's Report  
REPORTED BY: Luis Uribe  
DETAILS: Please contact me with questions but keep in mind that the treasurer laptop is down for repairs. I called a local consultant who says he's familiar with the issue and our tech should be able to repair it with the original OS disks.

Treasurer Report

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Checking X9663 $13,241.00
Checking X1049 $3,741.47
Premier Time Savings X9213 $10,535.77
Time Deposit Savings X3552 $5,174.32
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E-BOARD ACTION REQUIRED: None

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SUBJECT: Membership Count
REPORTED BY: Dena
DETAILS: We have 338 paid members.
E-BOARD ACTION REQUIRED: None