



## Denver Astronomical Society

### Minutes of August 11, 2017 E-Board Meeting

#### Officers Present:

- Ron Hranac - President;
- Lindsey Shaw - Vice President;
- Mike Nowak – Treasurer;

#### E-Board Trustees Present:

- Brent Blake,
- July Candia,
- Jack Eastman,
- Joe Gafford,
- Ed Scholes,
- Dan Wray,

**Observatory Representative:** None.

#### MINUTES:

1. Call to Order at 7:30pm
2. Roll Call
  - 2.1. Certify a quorum (Seven (7) E-Board officers/Members shall constitute a quorum).
    - 2.1.1. Certified quorum of Nine (9) board members.
3. Review and approve the previous E-Board meeting minutes (July 14, 2017)
  - 3.1. Modified minutes to include “Mike Nowak” as the treasurer name.
    - 3.2. Approved with edits**
4. Additions to agenda
  - 4.1. Email from Member to be read by July.
  - 4.2. Member badges.
5. Chamberlin business and DAS Treasurer’s report
  - 5.1. Dr. Bob unable to attend

#### Members and Guests:

- Ivan Geisler
- Megan Daniels
- Ed Ladner
- Bill Kast
- Eileen and Johnny Barela,
- Lisa Judd
- Hugh Davidson

#### Absent:

- Jeff Tropeano – Secretary;
- Zach Gilbert;
- Sorin <No Last Name>

- 5.1.1. Dr. Bob reports that RA on Clarke is operating as per spec, and offers to discuss with operator
- 5.1.2. Discussion of Insurance coverage currently at \$1M Liability.
  - 5.1.2.1. Review of possible increase in SWOT analysis.
- 5.2. Treasurer's Report
  - 5.2.1. Treasurer's report is read and accepted.
  - 5.2.2. Review of subscription use for QuickBooks, and the addition of Budget features to the subscription. DAS has worked without a budget since prior use of QuickBooks was lost due to virus on licensed laptop. The move to a subscription based model will significantly reduce the risks associated with prior software.
  - 5.2.3. **Motion of approve** subscription change to QuickBooks premium to include budgeting features. – **Motion carried.**
- 5.3. Use of a petty cash chequing account discussed.
  - 5.3.1. **Action:** Further research of costs of additional account with bank to be followed up by the Treasurer.
- 6. Old business.
  - 6.1. 2018 Calendar
    - 6.1.1. The 2018 calendar is now available on the Eboard list server, and is to be reviewed by all board members for errors and omissions.
  - 6.2. SWOT analysis priorities
    - 6.2.1. Scope loaner programs
      - 6.2.1.1. Small dobs owned by Leo Sack are no longer available due to Leo's departure from area.
      - 6.2.1.2. Reviewing purchase of 4.5 and 6 inch Orion Dobs
      - 6.2.1.3. Considering inexpensive GEM.
        - 6.2.1.3.1. Donation of a CG4 may be possible.
      - 6.2.1.4. Actively being discussed on Eboard list server.
      - 6.2.1.5. **ACTION:** Review vendors and former S&S Optica associates for pricing of 2x 4.5 Inch Dob and 1x 6 inch Dob.
    - 6.2.2. Relationship with DMNS
      - 6.2.2.1. **ACTION:** Continuing relationship building to be done with "Naomi" via July.
    - 6.2.3. DU Personnel and Admin changes
      - 6.2.3.1. Dr. Bob wants DAS to take over maintenance of the Clarke – Discussions to continue on Eboard list serve.
        - 6.2.3.1.1. Change in liability insurance is a pre-req to taking this over with volunteers.
    - 6.2.4. Family and Dual Memberships
      - 6.2.4.1. Discussions are currently active on eboard list server.
      - 6.2.4.2. Reach out to DU Faculty (possible meet and greet, or donuts and juice reception at Chamberlin.
      - 6.2.4.3. Member suggestions about attracting youth discussed, and possible discounts for those under financial stress.

- 6.2.4.4. **ACTION:** eboard to continue discussion
- 6.2.5. Use of Quickbooks for accounting and budgeting
  - 6.2.5.1. Discussed earlier in meeting.
- 6.3. E-Board Secretary position
  - 6.3.1. The Secretary position is currently vacant as Jeff Tropeano is unable to finish his term due to family and work commitments.
  - 6.3.2. No takers from the current eboard are available to take the position.
  - 6.3.3. Current term is until Mar 2018
  - 6.3.4. Ed Ladner (General member) was nominated and accepted nomination.
    - 6.3.4.1. **Motion** to accept Ed Ladner as Secretary – **Carried.**
- 7. New Business
  - 7.1. Space Science Institute
    - 7.1.1. Met with “Carly” of the SSI, and they have members that may be interested in being speakers at DAS general meetings.
    - 7.1.2. DAS has been invited to the Boulder SSI open house.
    - 7.1.3. **ACTION:** Lindsey and Ron (#3) coordinating ongoing discussions with Carly for possible joint events and shared booth spaces at events.
  - 7.2. Partnership with Dr. Jennifer Hoffman’s Choir (Lindsay Shaw)
    - 7.2.1. Oct 1 (Sunday) will be a choir event near Chamberlin. Performance from 4-5:30p, with possible meet and greet at Chamberlin afterwards with a star party with DAS members with scopes at 7p.
    - 7.2.2. Discussion of having solar scopes present prior to the performance.
    - 7.2.3. **ACTION:** Lindsey will continue discussions with Dr. Hoffman including possible volunteer discounts for performance.
  - 7.3. Colorado Astronomy Day (July Candia)
    - 7.3.1. Lots of volunteers attended
    - 7.3.2. Was not promoted extensively in Media and Social media. Public turn out was low.
    - 7.3.3. **ACTION:** July to continue contact with DMNS (Naomi) for Denver Astronomy Day to increase public awareness.
  - 7.4. October Auction
    - 7.4.1. Discussed possible reallocation of donations to include donations to the Dark Site fund.
    - 7.4.2. Ivan will continue to be the auctioneer.
    - 7.4.3. **ACTION:** Lindsey will continue to promote and advertise. – Open to public?
    - 7.4.4. **ACTION:** Need pictures of Scopes and items in storage to promote the auction.
  - 7.5. Holiday Banquet
    - 7.5.1. Follow up comments on picnic
      - 7.5.1.1. Well attended with about 70 people. Cloud cover limited solar observing.
    - 7.5.2. Holiday Banquet scheduled for Dec 2, 2017.
    - 7.5.3. Need venue: previously held at Embassy Suites on Arapahoe with good results.
    - 7.5.4. **ACTION:** Ed Scholes to contact Embassy Suites for availability.
    - 7.5.5. Discussion about speakers.
      - 7.5.5.1. Majority feels good about the possibility of a speaker if one can be found.

- 7.5.5.2. Mike Carroll (Space Art) may be an option, and has previously contacted DAS for the possibility of speaking.
    - 7.5.5.3. **ACTION:** Possible speakers will be contacted to determine interest.
  - 7.6. Member proposal to E-Board vinyl decals (Bill Kast)
    - 7.6.1. Proposal presented for vinyl decals.
    - 7.6.2. Presentation of a prototype decal (8 inch)
    - 7.6.3. Discussion to continue on EBoard List serve.
  - 7.7. Email from Member (to be read by July Candia)
    - 7.7.1. Member email paraphrased by July with the general subject of "Have I been black balled".
    - 7.7.2. General discussion expands to Eboard efforts to be proactive about approaching new and less active attending members.
    - 7.7.3. **ACTION:** EBoard will work to support new member coordinator (Digby) in interacting with new members.
  - 7.8. Member badges (Lindsey Shaw)
    - 7.8.1. Member has contacted Lindsey with the request to purchase a Name badge to promote the club at events.
    - 7.8.2. General discussion takes place.
    - 7.8.3. Current estimate cost is 3-\$4 per badge using supplies that are donated by one member.
    - 7.8.4. General consensus to work out details of \$5 to general membership for name badges as part of the annual renewal process, or new member signup on webpage
    - 7.8.5. **ACTION:** work out details of making the name badge available on the website as a purchase option.
- 8. Next EBoard meeting
  - 8.1. Friday September 15, 2017
- 9. Adjourn Meeting
  - 9.1. **Motion carried** 9:23p.