Denver Astronomical Society

Minutes of December 08, 2017 E-Board Meeting

Officers Present:
• Ron Hranac - President;
• Lindsey Shaw - Vice President;
• Ed Ladner – Secretary;

Members and Guests:
• Ivan Geisler;
• Hugh Davidson;
• Megan Daniels;

E-Board Trustees Present:
• July Candia;
• Jack Eastman;
• Joe Gafford;
• Sorin;
• Dan Wray,

Excused Absent:
• Mike Nowak – Treasurer
• Brent Blake,
• Zach Gilbert,
• Ed Scholes;

Observatory Representative:
• Dr. Bob Stencel (Not attending);

Absent:

MINUTES:

1. Call to Order at 7:46p.
2. Roll Call
   2.1. Certify a quorum (Seven (7) E-Board officers/Members shall constitute a quorum).
   2.1.1. Certified quorum of eight (8) board members.
3. Review and approve the previous E-Board meeting minutes (Nov 11, 2017)
   3.1. Multiple corrections identified on name spellings.
   3.2. Approved with edits.
4. Additions to agenda
   4.1. External Partnerships Committee. (as 7.3)
   4.2. Spring Banquet. (as 6.7)
5. Chamberlin business and DAS Treasurer’s report
5.1. Chamberlin Observatory business by Dr. Bob.
   5.1.1. Nothing major to report from Dr. Bob with the exception of the known Dome rotation issue.
   5.1.2. Silent auction support request was made of DAS, and Dr. Bob indicates that 50% of the proceeds of any silent action was to be made back to the university.
   5.1.2.1. Discussion on this point.
   5.1.2.2. Decision was made to not include the Chamberlin in any silent auction offering, but instead handle it as a charity based outreach.
   5.1.3. Flyers at Door for events and schedule.
      5.1.3.1. Dr Bob indicates that no hard mounted applications are to occur.
   5.1.3.1.1. **ACTION ITEM** Sorin to continue to review available options.

5.2. Treasurer’s Report
   5.2.1. Treasurer’s accounting statement is provided with the minutes.
   5.2.2. Details on 1st Bank Checking account for petty cash.
   5.2.3. VNH Stale checks have been identified and remain uncashed.
   5.2.4. **ACTION ITEM**: Copies of the VNH scholarship fund need to be retrieved from the VNH committee. – OUTSTANDING.
   5.2.5. Dena is working on consolidating Membership records, and currently counts 497 members including honorary members.
      5.2.5.1. When we exceed 500 members, our bulk mail server “Constant Contact” will increase cost.
      5.2.5.2. Members will be reminded to check their Spam folders to ensure that Constant Contact emails may be there.
   5.2.6. **ACTION ITEM**: Need to confirm fine print with bank
   5.2.7. **ACTION ITEM**: Need to identify signatories for the account.

6. Old Business.
   6.1. VHN Chair Vacancy
      6.1.1. Jeff is not available to continue this role and has not found any takers for the position.
      6.1.2. Note will be added to the newsletter and put out on the list server.
      6.1.3. Megan Daniels (member in attendance) volunteers as chair.
         6.1.3.1. **ACTION ITEM**: Lindsey will orient new chair
         6.1.3.2. **ACTION ITEM**: Ron H will address Bank signatory needs and assist with the transition of documentation from Jeff.
         6.1.3.3. Motion to approve Megan Daniels as the VHN Chair made and seconded
         6.1.3.4. Motion carried unanimously.
   6.2. SWOT priorities place holder
   6.3. DAS Volunteer Shirts
      6.3.1. Delayed until after the holidays.
      6.3.2. Moving forward in January
      6.3.3. Mike will process CC transactions via website.
   6.4. Banquet recap
      6.4.1. Great banquet was had, with the best service we’ve seen in a while.
6.4.2. Additional charge of $150 was paid for the PA system, although the hotel waived charges for the screen.

6.4.3. We committed for 70 to attend, and 61 showed.

6.5. Sorin to contact Dr. Bob for discussions about acceptable brochure placements.

6.6. Family membership
   6.6.1. Reviewed draft language
   6.6.2. Reviewed changes to allow email as a distribution mechanism for bylaw changes.
   6.6.3. Ron H to post by mail for special meeting to be made on a conference call on Wednesday Dec 27th @ 7p.

6.6.4. **ACTION ITEM:** Ed L will setup the conference call.

6.7. Spring banquet
   6.7.1. Need to book room soon for the spring banquet.
   6.7.2. July will look at other venues for future consideration
   6.7.3. Embassy Suites will be booked for Spring Banquet scheduled for on or about Mar 3rd.
   6.7.4. Ron H will contact the hotel.

7. New Business
   7.1. Silent auction Support request
      7.1.1. Counter offer with an Outreach at the location of choice. July will handle this as a regular outreach.
   7.2. Annual elections
      7.2.1. Ivan Geisler has been identified as the Election committee chair for this year.
      7.2.2. Notify members of the election chairman by both the list server, and in the monthly general meeting.
      7.2.3. January General Meeting will ask for Nominations.
   7.3. Adhoc Committee for External Partnerships
      7.3.1. SSI committee to coordinate with volunteer opportunities.
      7.3.2. Sorin, July, Lindsey, Ed L. have offered to assist.
   7.4. Mike Carroll is the January Speaker.

8. Next eboard meeting
   8.1. Special Meeting Wednesday December 27th @ 7p via conference call.
   8.2. Regularly scheduled Friday January 12 @ 7:30pm.

9. Adjourn meeting
   9.1. Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded.
   9.2. Meeting adjourned at 9:14p