

April 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting on 11 April 2018 at Banner University Medical Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM. B. Bailey, President, Presiding. Board members present: M. Smith, Vice President, E. Foley, Treasurer, C. Hendricks, Secretary, J. Mead, B. Wheeler and B. Lofquist Members-at-Large. Other TAAA members present: Ralph and Dennis Means, T. Lappin.

Member Feedback: None.

General Announcement(s)/Discussion: Discussion on GCSP T-Shirt design.

Minutes of 14 Mar 2018: M. Smith motioned to accept minutes with revisions. Revised to change E. Foley's resignation is from the Fund-Raising Committee and not the Treasurer's officer. Seconded by E. Foley. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: J. Mead introduced motion to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried.

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Old Business:

B. Bailey discussed some minor movement on replacement personnel. Connor Justice has volunteered to assume duties of the AFSIG Coordinator.

M. Smith mentioned that background checks can become expensive and suggests they be performed only once.

M. Smith presented an estimate of the cost of the Grand Canyon Star Party T-Shirts. The estimate includes T-Shirts presented at no cost to the T-shirt design winner and ten shirts to the National Park Service personnel. This year's design was also presented.

D. McMacken will continue to reserve the room for the AFSIG and will talk to Barry Middleton who also works at USGS to see if Barry can open the room on those instances when Dennis cannot get there.

New Business:

E. Foley moved that TAAA adopt the trade name "Tucson Stargazing Adventures" for its paid star parties. Seconded by W. Lofquist. Motion carried.

E. Foley moved that TAAA authorize movement of donor funds from the Large Roll Off Roof project to the Gateway to the Galaxy for members Morse, Mead, Lofquist following their previous support for this action. Seconded by W. Lofquist. Motion carried.

There was considerable discussion on proposed Leaders Award criteria. Most of the discussion centered on criteria for award of pins, flashlights, shirts, and tote bags. It was decided to hold this proposal for further consideration, including its potential impact on the budget.

The TAAA 2018-2019 budget was presented for discussion and further consideration at our May 2018 meeting.

Terri Lappin presented a number of suggestions for improving communications and frequency of communications to the membership.

Adjourned 9:10PM

Chuck Hendricks, Secretary