

July 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting on 11 July 2018 at Banner University Medical Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. J. Mead, Vice President, Presiding. Board members present: M. Smith via telephone, M. McDowell, Treasurer, C. Hendricks, Secretary, E. Foley via telephone, D. Smith and B. Wheeler Members-at-Large. Other TAAA members present: B. Bailey, Past President, T. Lappin

Member Feedback: None.

General Announcement(s)/Discussion:

Board members are encouraged to review and update their bios.

Minutes of 13 June 2018

D. Smith introduced motion to approve minutes. Seconded by E. Foley. Discussion: Was the General Membership Meeting to be cancelled? No. It was decided that the General Membership meeting would be held on December 7, 2018. Minutes should be corrected to show General Meeting being scheduled for December 7, 2018. Amended motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's books are not closed for month of June due to transition in the accounts erasing access for assistant treasurer and bookkeeper. A report will be sent to the board as soon as the records can be closed.

We received an additional \$11,000 contribution from R. Reynolds for the expansion of the RMO observation deck to support 9-inch folding refractor installation. The deck extension is framed. Mike is going down on Friday to help with installation of wiring and conduit.

Old Business:

J. Mead reported that the folding refractor installation is moving forward, and he believes we should have a dedication.

SPG has had discussion about a desire to see a policy should be developed in terms of how we handle donated equipment. We have run into a situation we are looking at in terms of CAC, we have received some substantial telescopes in donation and it may be that in terms of money that we can invest in priority activities may be of a greater good than having the instrument itself. In the future when we get donations it would be very desirable to talk to a potential donor in terms of the expectations, here is what TAAA has a policy in terms of, and would you

be comfortable with our turning around and selling the telescope. In terms of donations already received...that should be handled on an individual basis.

Minor Protection Policy. Since the last update, we discovered that a basic part of minor protection which is mentoring, which we may from time to time be doing, didn't really get attention and so we are going to insert language about mentoring into the policy.

Update on Grand Canyon Star Party T-Shirts. Barbara Whitehead is working with Jim O'Connor on buying additional T-shirts. The money to buy the T-shirts is already in the budget that they have.

New Business:

Ken is getting up to speed on the web site, and we need to be careful that we do not overwhelm him with requests. Mae has a priority list of things that really need immediate attention. First on the list is Tucson Sky Adventures. Next is the CAC description which is already written and just needs to be put on the web site as it is tied to fund raising. Third is AFSIG which may not be as ready as the CAC description.

M. Smith is interested in developing a board process establishing priorities and direction, and also establishing a habit of taking advantage of some board training. The notion of the board having an opportunity to talk about club direction outside of this format which really is not conducive to thinking about other than business. Mae would like to have a schedule of board retreats on the calendar. Mae has action to look at scheduling a retreat September 22, 2018.

E. Foley explained that he discussed the donation of the 25-inch Obsession telescope with the donor, explaining that we cannot store, or place the telescope into service. E. Foley proposed the board agree to unwind the donation. D. Smith made a motion to unwind the donation. Motion seconded by M. McDowell. Motion carried.

Adjourned at: 8:15 PM

Chuck Hendricks, Secretary