

Minutes for the TAAA Board Meeting of Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Members present: Ben Bailey, President; Mae Smith, Vice President; Dr. Ed Foley, Treasurer; Members at Large John Mead, Bill Wheeler, Bill Lofquist

Guests: Carter Smith, John Kalas, Terri Lappin

Announcements:

Mae Smith displayed the Grand Canyon Star Party T shirt to be used this summer and all present approved.

A concern was expressed about member pictures being displayed in the club bulletins without being credited.

The feedback regarding the Special Event at CAC on May 20 was all very positive.

A motion to approve the May, 2017 Board Meeting minutes at the July meeting was made by John Mead and seconded by Ed Foley, and approved unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for the month of May was circulated by email. A motion to approve the report was made by Bill Lofquist and seconded by Mae Smith was approved unanimously.

John Kalas announced that Joe Stateuvicus has offered to lead training sessions on the operation of the 18" DOB at CAC. This will begin during CAC weekend on June 23.

OLD BUSINESS:

The budget for the 2017-2018 year that was completed at last month's meeting was brought up for action by the new Board. Bill Lofquist moved its' approval and John Mead seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

Ed Foley presented the Capital Budget for the Gateway to the Galaxy Capital Campaign. (A copy of this report is attached.)

In order to pursue the next step in the development of the Chiricahua Astronomy Complex, funding to build the Large Roll-off-Roof Observatory was discussed. Mae Smith made the motion to authorize the spending not to exceed \$75,000 for this purpose. The Strategic Planning Group will pursue at least three bids and will oversee the construction process. This amount of funding is currently in hand. Bill Wheeler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There is a need to replace several leader positions and it was decided to request that the NVRC to work on this.

Mae Smith pointed out that there is a need for us to further clarify our policies and procedures for working with young people at our various events. After some discussion it was decided that this will be on the agenda for the fall.

We will have two retreats in the fall: The larger group of leaders will meet in September, and the Board will retreat in November.

Terri Lappin asked for permission to imburse \$50 to Pranbera Hysini for her expenses as speaker at the June General Meeting. Bill Wheeler moved and John Mead seconded the motion to do this, and it was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

(Minutes recorded by Bill Lofquist)