

## March 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting on 9 March 2016 at University Medical Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

M. Smith, Vice President presiding. Board of Director members present: M. Smith, Vice President, C. Hendricks, Secretary, W. Lofquist, and J. Kalas, Members-at-Large. Other TAAA members present: R. Gilroy, Past Board President, T. Lappin.

### **General Announcements:**

It was noted that Bob Gent has advised the Astronomy community that the Arizona House of Representatives has approved a bill authorizing digital bill boards along Arizona highways. The bill has been sent to the Senate and a vote is expected within the week.

It was suggested that a letter be drafted and sent to the Legislature stating our opposition to this legislation.

The Nominating Committee is sending a list of nominees to T. Lappin for inclusion in the monthly bulletin.

R. Gilroy mentioned that Karen Liptack asked if we could have a petition at the UA Festival of Books. The response was no because the festival is not a TAAA sponsored event.

M. Smith has begun work on revising the TAAA handbook.

**Member Feedback:** None.

### **Minutes of 10 February 2016:**

W. Lofquist moved that minutes be accepted. Motion seconded by R. Gilroy. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Not available treasurer is out of town.

### **Old Business:**

R. Gilroy presented the status of website modernization. Diane, Vern, Forrest and Bob will meet to plan membership renewal process/procedure on the new website.

J. Kalas gave update on progress of the Reynolds project. On Feb 23, John and Bob Reynolds visited the architect, Albert Hopper, at his Bisbee, AZ home to review the preliminary drawings. After further discussion about the durability of composite lumber for the deck material, the

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decision was made to abandon the very expensive aluminum decking and revert back to a high-quality Trex composite deck material. The architect has been working on the drawings since then. On Mar 8, John was advised by Albert that the design had been completed. Albert submitted an invoice for the architectural design (\$5,700). John has set up an appointment with him to review the completed design on Mar 14.

### **Astronomy Services:**

W. Lofquist has assumed coordination responsibility for this program.

### **Monthly Bulletin:**

Ralph Jensen has volunteered to work on publishing the bulletin through September 2016.

Discussion of proposal to create standing committee. J. Kalas introduced a motion to table discussion until the April meeting. Seconded by Lofquist. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

M. Smith reported on the new GCSP Tee Shirt design and winner of the design competition. There was some discussion on the cost breakdown relating to the quantity of different sizes produced, and for the complimentary shirts donated to the park staff.

R. Gilroy had been tasked to draft a proposal for a resolution to establish a standing nominating committee in accordance with the TAAA Constitution. J. Kalas introduced a motion to table this discussion until the April 2016 meeting. Motion seconded by W. Lofquist. Motion carried.

W. Lofquist introduced a motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 9:43PM.