

May 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting on 11 May 2016 at University Medical Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM, B. Bailey, President presiding. Board of Directors members present: M. Smith, Vice President, E. Foley, Treasurer, C. Hendricks, Secretary, J. Kalas and W. Lofquist Members-at-Large. Other TAAA members present: R. Gilroy, Past Board President, T. Lappin.

General Announcements: Grand Canyon Star Party Tee-Shirt design was modified to make it larger. The modification was approved by the design committee.

Member Feedback: J. Kalas related that a regular participant at CAC mentioned that the membership does not have much of a feel for the club's financial condition. A suggestion was made to consider including a brief summary of our financial status in the bulletin on a quarterly basis.

Two new members found their way to the temporary meeting location and voiced their appreciation of the facility.

A member, or members questioned the point of membership when it appears anyone can use TAAA's facilities. There was some discussion on the question but no resolution was reached.

Minutes of 13 April 2016: W. Lofquist introduced a motion to accept the April Minutes. Motion seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer submitted the 2015 – 2016 year-to-date budget which covers a period of nine months. W. Lofquist introduced a motion to approve the budget. Motion seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried.

Old Business: R. Gilroy introduced a motion to accept the final draft of the proposed change to the TAAA bylaws which will establish a standing Nomination and Volunteer Resource Committee that will function all year round. Motion seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried. Board President B. Bailey took the action to notify the general membership of this proposal so that they may be prepared to vote on it at the July 1, 2016 General Membership Meeting. All members were notified via email on June 3, 2016.

It was noted that Member Planet is somewhat cumbersome, but members do need to sign up for Member Planet. Notices will be sent to those who have not yet signed up. R. Gilroy is heading a Website Membership Working Group which is performing a final scrub of the membership roster to determine the accuracy of the membership report.

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New Business: Add Karen Liptak and Jim Knoll to the Facebook Page.

Astronomy Services conducted three events which generated \$350.00. Another event is being considered for the Pima Credit Union at Tubac.

E. Foley introduced discussion of fund raising for our planned capital projects at CAC, and distributed a fund raising proposal from Raise the Bar Consulting. He has arranged for the company's principal, Jennifer Tersigni to appear at our June 15th board meeting to answer questions from the board about her company, her involvement in fundraising in the past, her success rate in raising the targeted amounts, give us references, and give the board a view as to her expectation as to how we would work together.

Adjourned at 9:43