

November 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting on 14 November 2018 at Banner University Medical Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. M. Smith, President, Presiding. Board members present: J. Mead, Vice President (via phone), M. McDowell, Treasurer, C. Hendricks, Secretary, E. Foley, D. Smith, and B. Wheeler Members-at-Large. Other members present: Gus Gomez, Ralph Means, and Dennis Means.

Member Feedback: None.

General Announcement(s)/Discussion: E. Foley moved to revise the agenda to allow Ralph Means to present updated information on the TAAA Equipment Loaner Program. Motion seconded by M. McDowell. Motion carried.

Minutes of 10 October 2018: D. Smith moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by M. McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: D. Smith moved to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by E. Foley. Motion carried. Treasurer also reported that Federal and State Tax Returns have been filed.

Old Business:

E. Foley moved to authorize the purchase of 100 3-inch, and 100 4-inch labels for telescopes at a cost not to exceed \$175.00. Purchase is contingent upon Gus Gomez being satisfied that the labels are removable. Motion seconded by D. Smith. Motion carried.

D, Smith moved that we accept all revisions of the Minor Policy. Motion seconded by B. Wheeler. Motion carried

B. Wheeler moved that revised naming rights be adopted. Motion seconded by D. Smith. Motion carried.

New Business:

R. Means presented the current status of the Equipment Loan Program. As of 14 November 2018 the following are out on loan: one eyepiece kit and one telescope. Items not in inventory include one 9-1/4-inch telescope out to B. Bailey, and one 8-inch telescope out to D. McMacken, one 6-inch telescope out to B. Yohe, and a 10-inch LX200 out to M. Turner. We received a 10-inch Orion Sky Quest Dobsonian donated by B. Gilroy's widow. This item needs a minor piece of hardware costing \$10.00 to make it totally serviceable. The hardware has been ordered.

B. Wheeler suggests creating generic eyepiece kits containing no more than four eyepieces.

E. Foley moved to separate inexpensive eyepieces from expensive ones and that the expensive ones be sold. Motion seconded by B. Wheeler. Motion carried.

D. Smith moved that all “go-to” (high dollar) telescopes be authorized for on-site use only. Motion seconded by M. McDowell. Motion carried.

There was some discussion concerning members recording presentations by guest speakers. A guest speaker may present research material that is not intended for disclosure to the general public. Recording a speakers’ material may also raise copyright concerns and members may inadvertently disclose the material. D. Smith moved to advise TAAA members at future general membership meetings not to record the presentations. Motion seconded by B. Wheeler. Motion carried.

J. Mead discussed the idea of being more welcoming as a club and focused on fun aspects, and socialization potential. We set this as a goal a few years ago, and feels that we should reach out to board members and non-board members to address TAAA social activities.

E. Foley moved to form a committee of at least three people to address IT efforts and assist in prioritizing those efforts. Motion seconded by M. McDowell. Motion carried.

D. Smith moved to revise the library material loan policy and authority to purchase items for the library and include a line item in the budget for this. Motion seconded by M. McDowell. Motion carried.

D. Smith questioned if we have up to date first-aid kits at TIMPA and CAC.

M. McDowell reported that a proposed donation of two real property parcels (1.6 acres and 5 acres) had been received. Discussion of this proposed donation centered around the fact that neither parcel was immediately adjacent to the CAC site. D. Smith moved that the offer be declined. Motion was seconded by B. Wheeler. Motion carried.

CAC – Medical concerns (Beginning Discussion)

Adjourned at: 9:11 PM

Chuck Hendricks, Secretary