

September 2020 Board of Directors Meeting

The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association held its regular monthly meeting via ZOOM teleconference on 09 September 2020 due to restrictions imposed by local and state government officials attempts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by limiting person-to-person contact. The meeting was called to order at 6:54 PM. M. Smith, President, Presiding. Board members present: J. Mead, Vice President, M. McDowell, Treasurer, E. Foley, R. Means and D. Smith, Members-at-Large. Other TAAA members present: J. Knoll, D. Rossetter.

J. Mead moved to add discussion of the county zoning change regarding video billboards to the agenda. Motion seconded by D. Smith. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: E. Foley moved to accept the minutes for July and August. Motion seconded by R. Means. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: E. Foley moved to accept the budget for this year and to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded by R. Means. Motion carried

Old Business:

CAC construction update presented by M. McDowell. The learning center building will have handicap access immediately adjacent to the parking area.

COVID-19 Considerations: We have three pads available by reservations only. Would like to open all the pads on the east side of the facility. J. Mead moved to approve the change. Motion seconded by D. Smith. Motion carried.

New Business:

D. Rossetter discussed review of the process used for last month's election and some ideas for changing procedures for next year. The zoom procedures are marginal at best. NVRC recommends using one of the online voting services for the future. One advantage is that you can open the voting earlier to allow voting ahead of time which would allow voting by a lot more members. One service we like is Opa-vote it can be used on one-time basis rather than by subscription. Any change in voting procedures will require a change to the by-laws. E. Foley recommended the board be presented a list of options for discussion at the next board meeting.

M. Smith discussed training shown in the TAAA administrative schedule training is set for October, and that item should be removed.

The electronic message display (electronic billboard) issue was discussed, and M. Smith suggested that our board take a position on this issue. J. Mead suggested that we take a position on the issue, and also distribute the information to TAAA members to solicit member's

support. D. Smith moved that TAAA objects to any zoning change in Pima county that increases current light pollution and/or includes electronic message displays and digital billboards. Motion seconded by J. Mead. Motion carried. J. Knoll is our designated representative.

M. Smith discussed the Catch-a-Fire program and asked if there is interest in participating in this community foundation.

Adjourned

Chuck Hendricks, Secretary