

November 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes by Dave Heard

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by President Amy Heard. Number of members and guests were not tallied.

Treasury Report

Don Chrysler gave the report as the club balance as \$2,446.06. The report was passed by the club members.

Old Business

The Club Christmas Party will be on Dec 6, 2014, at 6:00pm at Dave & Amy's place. Travel directions: Take I-40 E to exit 87; get off & turn left at the stop sign at the access road & FM 2373. Go over the overpass & turn left again at the strobe light just after the bottom of the overpass. The Club will furnish the brisket; everyone needs to bring a side dish.

The subject of all of the telescopes belonging to the Club came up of what to do with them; there was really no interest. Art will try to retrieve the Club's old 10" Dob from the DHDC.

New Business

Discussion was brought about by Rich about renewing the Yahoo AAC Stars account; discussion followed. The club voted to renew & maintain that account.

We still need ideas for programs, otherwise Dave will show slides from his & Amy's last summer vacation!! Frank volunteered to do a program in March, though.

Frank gave a quick talk on his remote computer controlled observatory in N.M. It is quite a set up from his description, so he is going to give us a program on the project at a later date.

Observing Reports

Art's last observing session was at Alibates & they had 80+ people show up & only 2 telescopes! But the weather was really nice & everything went well. We will have future observing sessions with PDSP, Caprock Canyons, & possibly AC Astronomy class this spring. Be prepared to help out & support these!

Alan gave a report on the latest observing session at the road side park; he said that it was quite breezy, then it got windy. But, they did manage to get some observing done.

Rich asked about having an insurance policy for the club & members during public observing sessions; Rich & Alan will check into this.

Gene got up & told of the cleaning out & transferring the old Gillispie site support building to the Gillispie's. They found some old observing logs left there from way back from old sessions, which he found really interesting. They also found an old A.L. Messier Observing certificate there which belonged to Dave!

Program

A short program was put on by Dave by giving Amy an A.L. Southern Sky's Observing certificate that she had completed during a trip to Australia. Amy told us about some of the trip & the observing. The telescopes that she used ranged from mainly a 12" to a 30"!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm to transfer to the Pizza Planet for eats & drinks.