

Minutes of Eboard Meeting October 1, 2010

Officers: Ron Pearson, Pres., Norm Rosling, VP , Bonnie Kais, Sec. (late arrival), Brad Gilman, Treas.

Board: Present: Jack Eastman, David Shouldice, Joe Gafford, Dan Wray, Keith Pool, Steve Solon, recorder

Absent: Tim Pimentel, Frank Mancini

Minutes of the September, 2010 meeting were amended and approved.

No DU Report

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President's Report

Board recognized a new member, Keith Rodefled, who requested a special waiver of the three-month membership period necessary to borrow a loaner scope. He assured the Board the scope was for personal use only and he would provide the \$100 deposit. Request was discussed, voted on and passed.

DMNA TeleKits – Rod Pinkney reported that individual parts for the kits are becoming mismatched; some units are unusable due to mirrors that are out of figure and poorly coated. He also reported several mirrors have severe spherical aberration. In inventory, 5 bases and 4 rocker boxes are complete. Two boxes have sides but no fronts. There are many missing parts. A motion was made to auction off the inventory of the TeleKits. Motion voted on and passed.

Ron Pearson opened discussion of the DSS Observatory dome for purchase at \$4,547.90. Motion was made to purchase the 8' Exploradome at a cost of \$4,547.90 to be erected on a wood deck to house the C14 telescope being refurbished. Motion voted on and passed. A motion was made to name the DSS Observatory the Brooks Observatory in honor of the late Larry Brooks. Motion voted on and passed.

No Vice President's report.

No Secretary's report.

No Treasurer's report.

Dark Sky Site report.

Darrell Dodge reported that the DSS Committee requests that the dome be located near the warming hut in a position that does not cause sky blockage. Some DSS committee members have already volunteered to help erect the site. In addition, the power pole already offers an extra outlet for use. The warming hut floor replacement was also discussed. The carpet will be removed to reveal the condition of the sub-floor. A vinyl floor in two color choices was presented and the darker color advised to hide dirt. The (floating) vinyl flooring offers waterproofing and easy installation and can be purchased at Home Depot. The new flooring can be completed for approximately \$400.00 and will be paid out of the DSS budget.

No External Outreach & PN Teams report.

No Finance report.

No VN-H Scholarship report.

No Loaner Program report.

No IT/ListServe and Newsletter report.

Old Business

DAS is now a member of the Night Sky Network. Keith Pool can now log DAS events on their website. 150+ viewers participated in the Broadmoor Sky Party and 60+ participated at the Governor's Mansion.

New Business

The DAS auction was discussed. It was proposed to complete inventory and those items no longer needed should be auctioned. A motion was made to direct all proceeds of the auction to the DSS Observatory fund. The motion was voted on and passed. Steve Solon reported that he delivered the 127 Meade telescope to Craig Betzina to be mounted on his property. The telescope site will be ready for DAS use by the end of October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.