

Monthly Meeting, South Plains Astronomy Club, 21 March 2019

\*Minutes of Business Meeting\*

1. The meeting was called to order by the President (Steve Maas).
2. There were no minutes from the previous month's meeting.
3. By a show of hands it was determined that a quorum of members was present.
4. The Treasurer (Collin Smith) provided the Treasurer's Report.  
We currently have \$1822.50 in the club checking account.  
We currently have 20 paid members.  
Annual dues have been paid to the Astroleague, although several members joined after the date to send this in (June).  
Collin described that Club funds have stayed at about the same level over recent years.
5. There were no other committee reports.
6. There was no unfinished business.
7. New Business:  
Scott Harris made a motion to have signs made for the Star Parties. This was tabled for a later date.

Steve Maas described attending the TTU Astronight event on the previous Thursday. He described that he will have the opportunity to talk at the event next month to publicize the Club. There were no conclusions drawn or motions made from the discussion.

There was a general discussion of our Public Star Parties. Steve Maas suggested the possibility of having "back-up" nights in case the regular one was cancelled due to weather. He also described the need to have a way for letting people know if the event was on or cancelled on short notice. Tom Heisey described the advantage of having someone there even if cancelled to let people know. Richard Craig inquired about moving the date to a time without the moon. Collin Smith responded that many people come to the event to see the moon. There were no conclusions drawn or motions made from the discussion.

There was a general discussion of other observing sites (the Gott, Emma, Muleshoe). Tom Heisey suggested a site at Idalou might be a possible site for these observing sessions. There were no conclusions drawn or motions made from the discussion.

8. Steve Maas described the Annual Members' Star Party and Barbecue ("Star-BQ") proposed at the last meeting. A motion was made (Collin Smith) and seconded (Tom Heisey) to hold the Star-BQ. It passed by unanimous consent. Steve Maas asked that members think about what date it should be on and that a tentative date would be established at the next monthly meeting.
9. There was a general discussion about Club officers. Collin Smith pointed out that there currently are only two officers-- President and Treasurer. Steve Maas indicated that he would like to see a Vice President and that this might be taken up at the next meeting. There were no conclusions drawn or motions made from the discussion.
10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the President.

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