

Monthly Meeting, South Plains Astronomy Club, 18 April 2019

Minutes of Business Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by the President (Steve Maas).
2. Minutes from the previous month's meeting were accepted by unanimous consent.
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.
Club checking account balance has not changed.
We have 2 new members joining this night (dues collected).
Collin indicated that we have sufficient Club funds for small purchases.
5. There were no other committee reports.
6. Unfinished Business:
Scott Harris suggested that we acquire some signs to point the public to our Public Star Parties. These would be placed in the park near where we set up our telescopes. In the following discussion, several possibilities were raised involving designs and costs. Treasurer Collin Smith indicated that the club has funds to pay for these types of items. Scott volunteered to look into designs and costs and report back at next month's meeting.

Dates were tentatively identified for the First Annual SPAC "Star-BQ". President Steve Maas presented a list of 6 weekends that were close to New Moon. Of these, a show of hands indicated that the weekend of June 28-29 was the consensus for the primary date. The weekend of August 2-3 was selected as the potential backup date. Plans will be finalized as we get closer to these dates.
7. New Business:
President Steve Maas gave a demonstration of a proposed new SPAC website. This website contains all the information available on the existing SPAC website plus considerable additional information. It is located on the domain operated by the President (cat-star.org). After discussion, a motion was made (Collin Smith) and seconded (Tom Heisey) to replace the current SPAC website with the proposed new website. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

Steve Maas handed out a document describing a possible new way to schedule our Public Star Parties. He encouraged the members to read over this document for discussion at next month's meeting.
8. Announcements:
Collin Smith described an invitation from TTU professor Ken Baake to have some SPAC members bring telescopes to an event he is planning at Caprock Canyon State Park. The event is tentatively planned for around May 23-24, weather permitting. Prof. Baake has offered to contribute \$250 to SPAC for our effort. There was general consensus in favor of our participation. Collin will provide additional information as things develop.

Tom Heisey indicated that he will be participating in "Space Day" the Science Spectrum in Lubbock on the following Saturday and that anyone who would also like to participate would be welcome.
9. Two new members were recognized—Randy DeLung and Craig Patterson.
10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the President.

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