

Monthly Meeting, South Plains Astronomy Club, 16 May 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.
The Club checking account balance has not substantially changed and currently stands at \$1822.50.
5. There were no other executive reports.
6. Unfinished Business:
President Steve Maas led a discussion regarding SPAC's public star parties. To determine if the members were still in favor of holding these events, President Maas called for a vote on whether to continue holding public star parties. A motion was made by Collin Smith in favor of holding public star parties. The motion was seconded and voted on—it passed 8-1. That being decided, a lengthy discussion followed regarding how we might increase the likelihood that monthly star parties would be held. The possibility of multiple dates per month was discussed, along with how scheduling might occur with regard to moon phase (i.e., should fixed dates be used, or should they be tied to the phase of the moon). Unfortunately, no consensus was reached and, due to time constraints, the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
7. New Business:
Member Tom Heisey was elected as SPAC Vice-President. The vote was unanimous in favor.
8. Announcements:
Dr. Ken Baake from Texas Tech was present and described the event he is planning at Caprock Canyon State Park for which he has invited members of SPAC to bring telescopes for viewing. The date for this event was set as Friday, 24 May, weather permitting. Collin Smith will coordinate with Dr. Baake and will provide further details to SPAC members as the time gets closer to the event.

Ms. Holly Jessen, Director of Children's Ministry at the First Christian Church of Lubbock, contacted Collin Smith about having someone from the club come and speak to some of their children about astronomy. This would be in early June. Tom Heisey has volunteered to do this.
9. There were two visitors to the meeting—Ken Baake and Tom Maccarone (speaker).
10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the President.

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