

Monthly Meeting, South Plains Astronomy Club, 20 June 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. There was no Treasurer's report
5. There were no other executive reports.
6. Unfinished Business:
President Steve Maas presented a proposal for changing the way the Club holds public star parties. This proposal was based on discussions in the previous two monthly meetings plus research conducted by the Executive Committee. The following was proposed:
 - (1.) There would be two public star parties scheduled each month, one on the second Saturday and the other on the fourth Saturday. Scheduling two events per month would markedly increase the chances that at least one would have clear skies. Changing the day of the event from Friday to Saturday would hopefully avoid conflicts with high school football in the Fall.
 - (2.) Due to the timing of the events relative to the moon, the first event would primarily for observing the moon, planets and other brighter objects. The second event would be primarily for observing galaxies, nebulas, and other dimmer objects.
 - (3.) The first event would continue to be held at Tech Terrace Park, while the second event would be held at a site in Ransom Canyon. President Maas confirmed that the City Administration and Property Owner's Association in Ransom Canyon were in favor of this event being held in their community.
 - (4.) This way of holding public star parties would be evaluated after 6 months and any necessary changes would be made at that time.The Chair asked for a motion to put this proposal to a vote. The motion was made and seconded, and it passed unanimously (10-0).
7. New Business:
There was no new business.
8. Announcements:
Club Members were reminded that the First Annual SPAC Star-BQ would be held the following week. An initial head-count indicated 8 people confirmed to attend plus a few possible attendees. President Maas stated that an email would be sent early in the following week with directions to the event. That email would also ask for a final head-count of those attending.
9. There were no visitors to the meeting.
10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the President.

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