

MINUTES

Meeting: Astronomy Club General Meeting

Attendees: cast of characters

Date: 6/6/22

Called to order at 6:30 PM by Claude Plymate. There were five new attendees at the meeting.

Teresa Plymate reported that all club members are now members of the Astronomy League and many have reported getting their first magazine. Teresa plans to choose one of the League's simple observation challenges for the club and announce this in the near future.

Committee Reports

Bill Norton reported on observatory committee progress. The club presented the project to the BVSA Board and, while encouraging, the board chose to push off any decision to the next board to be elected in early June. Consequently, the subsequent recommendation was to return to the board at the July 2022 meeting. The club is still welcoming donations.

The website committee report that they still have made no progress.

Comments, reports, Discussion, Reviews

The telescope clinic on May 7 went well with five scopes brought out and made operable. There were about ten other guests present.

The Dark Sky Star Party on May 18 was poorly attended (perhaps six) and with poor viewing owing to high winds and the cold. All fled early.

The Tau Herculis meteor 'storm' on May 30 was a disappointment. Meteors were few and brief.

The Public Viewing on June 4 went off well with some visitors.

News, Announcements

The club has partnered with Discover Tehachapi Wine Tours to set up a few telescopes for viewing. A trip was made to the Dorner Family Winery to scout locations for set up. Two events are planned for the summer with the expectation of a \$150 donation for each.

Upcoming Activities

The next Dark Sky Star Party is planned for June 25, location to be announced.

The next club board meeting will be on June 29.

Claude announced that there would be no general meeting in July because of the many other community events during the early part of the month.

The club plans to have a booth for the July 4 weekend festivities. A few solar scope will be setup, membership forms set out, and donations welcomed. Volunteers to populate the booth are sought. A donated scope was shown by Claude and discussion ensued about a potential drawing for this, either free or raising money for the observatory. It was agreed the board would discuss the proposal in the coming days.

A tour of the Mt. Wilson observatory has been arranged for July 10. Teresa will send an e-mail within the next few days asking for those wish to go to identify themselves. There is a \$15 per person fee.

Observing Report

Mark Yarlot gave another fine observing report. The big thing to look forward to is a rare alignment of the planets on the eastern horizon just before sunrise, about 4AM, on June 22.

Presentation

Claude gave a talk about stellar classification and the Hertzsprung-Russel Diagram. All were entertained.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Bill Norton, 6-8-22