

# **BVS Astronomy Club**

## Observatory Committee

Meeting Minutes, 3-25-22

### Overview

The meeting was conveyed at 1000 via Zoom. Present were Bill Norton, Claude Plymate, Teresa Plymate, John O'Bryan, and Michael Lewis. The meeting followed the Agenda (attached) and was directed by the Committee Chair, Bill Norton. It generally held to the agenda (attached) and adjourned at approximately 1130.

### Discussion

1. There was some brief discussion about the New News and agreement to follow Joe's advice not to raise any of the issues. Leave them for the Board to raise or in public comments at the board meeting. We have our position. Regarding the observed wildlife at HCP, we will add a trail-cam image to the board briefing and comment on what was observed. Do not speculate.
2. It was agreed that Teresa would draft a fundraising social media posting for the committee to review. This will be posted when ready.
3. It was agreed that Bill would divide the contact list into five roughly equal number of individuals with phone numbers who have not donated. These will be distributed to the Committee members to make fundraising calls and also suggest membership for those who are not members. For contacts without phone numbers Teresa will send an e-mail seeking observatory donations.
4. The detailed planning by each individual was reviewed and some specific aspects settled. The roof will be A-frame and choice of top panels is still open depending on availability. The option of using the steel panels as siding if only available in sheets of 12 was discussed and this was not the desired choice. However, it may be revisited.
5. The potential for installing a recording anemometer at HCP to record wind data was discussed. These data may help inform the decision on building orientation.

### Action Items

1. Bill Norton to provide lists for donation/membership calls. **OPEN**
2. Once the committee members have their list for calls, place the calls over the coming week. **OPEN**
3. Teresa to draft a social media donation position for committee review and then post. **OPEN**
4. Michael to create a recording anemometer. **OPEN**
5. Teresa to send a donation e-mail to those on the contact list without phone numbers. **OPEN**

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be conducted via Zoom on 1 April at 1000 (invitation hyperlink will be sent) with Agenda provide prior to that time by the Chairperson. The meeting may be delayed a week upon unanimous agreement of the Committee members via e-mail or telephone.