

BVS Astronomy Club

Observatory Committee

Meeting Minutes, 5-13-22

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 topics sent via e-mail and was directed by the Committee Chair, Bill Norton. It generally held to the agenda and adjourned at approximately 1040.

Discussion

1. The plan (rev13) sent to Joe was displayed and all were content with it. Bill pointed out that the dimensions of the building had inadvertently been omitted. Butch Reyburn, BVSA Board President, had asked Bill the size via e-mail. Claude verified that the dimensions are in the briefing.
2. The pledges were reviewed: Plymates \$1,000, John \$500, Michael \$500, Terry Quinn \$1,000. These and the \$150 in the BVSCRFF (verified by Mr. Quinn) plus the bank account value of approximately \$2,100, means we have the funds to meet the estimated \$5,330 for Phase 1. This will be communicated to the BVSA Board during the presentation. Give the potential for cost inflation of materials and money for the next phases, fund raising should continue.
3. It was agreed that Teresa's pickup truck would be used to move the telescope to the Club where it will be erected prior to the BVSA Board meeting. Bill was to coordinate this with the responsible BVSA and Club leadership.
4. Bill and Michael will make what might be the final look at the field camera images this weekend. It was agreed to leave the cameras on the Park until at least after the BVSA Board meeting.
5. Claude reviewed the presentation and some suggestions were offered. Claude was to update and send the presentation as a pdf.
6. If the project is approved by the BVSA Board then detailed planning will continue. John indicated he should have time to complete the roof planning. Bill would undertake to create an integrated plan showing the chronological steps of construction. It was agreed that the walls are best assembled on-site whereas other elements such as the roof trusses and gables could be assembled off-site (John's driveway) and transported to the site.
7. Michael confirmed that he had the anemometer but hesitates to place it at the Park until after project approval. He also said he has all the gear for powering the building (Phase 2); the solar panels, inverted, battery, etc. This installation will likely also need BVSA Board approval, especially is the panels are placed on the ground (although roof mounting seems practical).

Action Items

1. Bill Norton is to coordinate the erection of the telescope at the club. **CLOSED** Results communicated via e-mail.
2. Claude to update the presentation and send a pdf of the file to the committee members. **CLOSED**

Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be based on the outcome of the BVSA Board meeting. An agenda will be provide prior to that time by the Chairperson.