

BVS Astronomy Club Board Meeting

26 January 2023

MEETING MINUTES



- Meeting called to order 1900
- All seven board members present plus one club member, Denise Lewis
- Motion to approve agenda by Hahn, 2nd by T. Plymate, 7-0
- Motion to approve Dec 29, 2022 minutes by O'Bryan, 2nd by T. Plymate, 7-0
- Scheduling & Announcements:
 - February Bear Tracks Astronomy Column Submitted – Star Forming Regions.
 - March, Lunar polar water, Bill Norton
 - New Moon star party, February 18. (New Moon Feb 19.)
 - 1st Quarter Moon Public Viewing, February 25. (1st Quarter Moon Feb 27.)
 - Wine Tour Star Parties, August 11 & 18 and September 8.
- Reports:
 - Treasurer– *John O'Bryan* said that our fiscal year will match the calendar year. Our 501-C.7 (social club) status was approved. Unlike a 501-C.3, club donations are not tax deductible. Report accepted-motion by Lewis, 2nd by Norton 7-0
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 - Observatory Dues holiday? Was discussed AFTER the insurance agenda item and the idea of a dues holiday was nixed Committee –*Bill Norton* provided update. Largest expense is camera and we decided to send that for membership vote. O'Bryan will obtain some deep cycle batteries.
 - Website –*Michael Lewis* to check on status of going live.
- Changes to Bylaws – *Greg Hahn* will resend the link to the minutes document for editing and review to the board members
 - Need to change day of annual and general meetings.
 - Scheduled for board vote next meeting to send to membership for vote
- Police Advisory Panel Astronomy Club Representatives will be John O'Bryan, Teresa Plymate, and Michael Lewis
- Dark Sky action in response to Bear Tracks article – *Bill Norton* will obtain some ECC complaint forms to help club members protect darker skies by enforcing current BVSA rules.
- Insurance: The board discussed having additional club liability insurance even though BVSA said they cover us while on amenities. O'Bryan will ask for a copy of BVSA insurance policy as it pertains to recognized clubs. Insurance for directors and officers (D&O) was also discussed.

Hahn moved to authorize \$315 plus 10% contingency to purchase liability insurance for BVAC. 5-2 with Yarlot and Norton in dissent. Motion carried.

- Other business?
 - Denise Lewis asked about membership numbers and requested to have membership forms at meetings and events.
 - She also updated us on the \$2,500 grant being worked on.
 - T. Plymate will send dues notices to members.
 - Hahn to find out about non-resident club members.
- Adjourn Meeting 2026