

BVS Astronomy Club

Observatory Committee

Meeting Minutes, 2-18-22

Overview

The 11 February meeting was skipped in anticipation of the BVSA Board giving project approval at their public meeting on 15 February. The 18 February meeting was conveyed at 1000 via Zoom. Present were Bill Norton, Claude Plymate, Teresa Plymate, John O'Bryan, Michael Lewis, and Tom Bash. The meeting departed from the Agenda because of events occurring since its drafting. The meeting was directed by the Committee Chair, Bill Norton. The meeting adjourned at 1100.

Discussion

1. All were already familiar with the fact the BVSA Board did not address the project on 15 February. Subsequent communications and advice from Joe Horswell were discussed. He stated that two Board members, Dane Hurst and Adam Tiefenthaler, had already given feedback on the Preliminary Plan saying they did not wish to address it at the Board's 21 February closed session because it lacked an itemized cost estimate with focus on Phase 1.
2. The committee then went over the reworked proposal Bill Norton had circulated ahead of the meeting and word changes were made. Agreement on a few changes to the spreadsheet for the cost estimate was also made.
3. Bill Norton had initiated consensus-building with other clubs via Anya Norton who forwarded a short introductory paragraph to the Wildlife Coalition and the Equestrian Clubs. Initial feedback was positive, the equestrians saying they rarely ride in the high country anymore due to deteriorating trails.
4. Based on advice from Joe Horswell it was agreed fund raising would continue to be held in abeyance until the project is approved.
5. A 10-minute or less presentation to the Board meeting is to be prepared.

Action Items

1. Bill Norton to prepare a revised draft Preliminary Plan and spreadsheet and share with the



BVSAC Obs Prelim
Plan_rev9.docx



Observatory cost
est_rev7.xlsx

Committee. **CLOSED** on 18 February, attached.

2. Bill Norton to also send the revised Preliminary Plan to Joe Horswell for feedback. **CLOSED** on 18 February.
3. John O'Byran to send Bill Norton images of a pier base for possible inclusion in the Plan. **CLOSED** on 18 February.
4. Claude Plymate is to prepare the first draft of the presentation for the Board to be reviewed at the next Committee meeting. **OPEN**

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be conducted via Zoom on 25 February at 1000 (invitation hyperlink previously sent) with Agenda provide prior to that time by the Chairperson.