

BVS Astronomy Club

Observatory Committee

Meeting Minutes, 3-11-22

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 1110.

Discussion

1. Current status of fundraising, social media posting, and answers to questions posed to Bear Valley leadership was reviewed. Teresa reported postings were receiving only positive responses. All were encouraged to go online and add their "thumbs-up". Thane is sharing the preliminary plans sent to him with his AST partners and will decide how to proceed with contacting his sponsor.
2. The team discussed adopting a pier base (poured or pre-formed) rather than a pad to save money and possibly head off opposition (removal concerns). The consensus was to remain with the pad as the best option.
3. Bill summarized his conclusions regarding available detailed plans and suggested what we needed was a hybrid of these. Discussion of anchoring and the track/roller system ensued. It appeared best if individuals took on specific aspects of the project and created some manner of best plan from the available material to include a bill of materials. This broke down as
 - a. John – roof and rail/rollers
 - b. Claude – pad, pier (concrete base plus metal extension), and anchor bolts
 - c. Michael – walls and door
 - d. Bill – outriggers and footers
 - e. Teresa – quality control and integration

Action Items

1. Bill Norton will contact Wes Shryock regarding any impact to existing BVSA insurance associated with an Obs and permissibility of the Club maintaining the building. **OPEN**
2. Bill is to contact Butch Reyburn and make certain he does not oppose fund raising ahead of approval and see if he knows who must make the call regarding CEQA impact. **OPEN**
3. Individuals are to begin detailed planning in the segments of the Observatory they have accepted responsibility for. **OPEN**
4. Teresa is to create a post a social media appeal for donations. It was agreed this could be held in abeyance for a week or two. **OPEN**

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be conducted via Zoom on 18 March at 1000 (invitation hyperlink previously 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.