



# West Valley Astronomy Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2019

Location of Meeting: 17540 Avenue of the Arts, Surprise Arizona (Unitarian Universalist Church)

Members Present: Bob Randle (President), John Cline (Vice President), Janie Randle (Treasurer), Beth Oudean (Secretary), along with other volunteers and club members (44) guests (11) for a total of 55. Collected dues from 30 members.

## **The regular meeting of WVAC was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Club President:**

1 - Opening Remarks by the Club President;

Introduced himself and thanked everyone in attendance. Presented the Power-Point slide presentation of upcoming events and club announcements; this will be shown prior to the meeting (this information will also be posted on the website). Reminded members who were still interested in attending the upcoming excursion to the Stewart Observatory Mirror Lab on November 21<sup>st</sup> to contact Ron Langlois. Club seeks a volunteer to assist with the “Annual Audit” of the club’s books, if you are interested please let Bob know.

December is club’s Annual Business meeting and Holiday party featuring a Silent Auction, more information on the website.

Added new flyer to the website “88 Constellations and Their Brightest Stars”, check it out.

Reminded members who wanted their name, phone number and email address added to the upcoming website directory to sign-up.

New name tags were distributed to all members in attendance, new tags are easier to read and cheaper to print.

The President proclaimed it was a busy month with many exciting events and thanked all those who volunteered; Additionally, he stated the club turned in 91.5 volunteer hours to the Night Sky Network.

2- Bob Colvert introduced the Guest Speaker- Dr. Rogier Windhorst an Regents Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at ASU. His research lies in astronomy, cosmology, and galaxy formation and evolution. He has been involved with multiple project with the Hubble Space Telescope and is currently the principle investigator of the HST mid-UV bright galaxy survey. He is also one of six interdisciplinary scientists for NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope. His research group at ASU plans to use the James Webb Space Telescope to map the epoch of First Light in detail. His presentation was how Telescopes will expand Hubble’s Frontier.

3 – Deb Bleikamp conducted the 50/50 raffle where \$52.00 was disbursed.

4 - Bob Randle encouraged members to check the website for upcoming club events: [www.wvac.net](http://www.wvac.net) and to pass the word to others about our club and events. November 11th Mercury Transits the Sun, November 16th Alamo Lake Star Party, November 21st Steward Observatory Mirror Lab, December 3rd Club Holiday/Business

Meeting, January 7th Club Meeting, February 4th Club Meeting, March 3rd Club Meeting, April 7th Club Meeting, April 28th Peoria Library Public Star Party, May ?? Club Picnic (Date to be determined), September 1<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting and September 26th International Observe the Moon Night.

8 – Club sold a telescope and raised \$450.00.

**Meeting adjourned by at 9:00 pm.**

Next meeting scheduled for (Tuesday) December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Beth Oudean, via email on November 8, 2019.

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Randle (WVAC President)