



# West Valley Astronomy Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes – December 3, 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 (48) (2) new members for a total of 50. Collected dues from 13 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 those in attendance this was our Annual Business meeting we would review By-Laws and Club's financials as well as host a Silent Auction. A large variety of food items donated by club members and purchased through the club were made available for all to enjoy.

Club received (2) donations this evening a Telescope from Bob Burdette and cash in the amount of \$46.00 from Pat Calascibett, we thank you both for your generosity. Once priced the telescope will be posted on club's website for sale.

Charles Beaudrot will conduct the Annual Audit of the Club's financial records.

The President proclaimed it was a busy month with many exciting events and thanked all those who volunteered and attended Alamo Lake Star party; there was clear weather for viewing and lots of fun and Mirror Lab in Tucson was very interesting and exciting. Watch the website for upcoming events.

2- Bob Randle introduced the Guest Speakers all of whom are club members- Craig Weaver presented an interesting slide presentation on Harquahala Peak, which is the highest mountain in southwest Arizona and hosts an historic solar observatory.

Bob Colvert- shared numerous photos of nebula's and stated he has been taking photographs using electronic imaging equipment and was very pleased with the results.

Walter Schmitt-Spoke briefly on watching the stars with only his eyes and how he finally found the perfect telescope. Walter shared information on his love for the planet Venus, Triple Conjunctions and Hailey's Comet.

3 – Paul Bleikamp describe the items up for Silent Auction and \$178.00 was collected for the club from auction donated items. Deb Bleikamp raffled a bottle of donated wine instead of the ever popular 50-50 raffle.

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. Next 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).

5 – Bob Randle opened the floor for discussion concerning changes to the club By-Laws, stated a new Board Member position had been created “Membership Director”, if anyone is interested please inform Bob Randle or John Cline. No objections were received from membership concerning proposed changes; therefore, a verbal vote was taken and the By-Laws have been approved and will be amended as presented.

6. Janie Randle-Treasurer presented the Annual Financial Report; to date the club is in good standing and operating in the black. Currently club has 53 households as members; but we need 74 to remain fully funded. Our club continues to grow so we are well on our way to meeting 74 families. The club’s financials are always available for review if anyone is interested.

7. Bob Randle stated our club continues to grow and we are currently looking for a new venue to host our monthly meetings, if anyone knows of a place please let him know. It was also announced Walter Schmitt would be stepping down as the Star Party Coordinator, if anyone is interested in that position please let a Board Member know.

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

Next meeting scheduled for (Tuesday) January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Beth Oudean, via email on December 4, 2019.

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