



# West Valley Astronomy Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes – January 7-2020

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, club members and visitors (59) (4) new members for a total of 64. Collected dues from 10 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).

2- Bob Colvert introduced the Guest Speaker Dr. David Williams; ASU Professor School of Earth and Space Exploration. Evenings topic “Exploring Ocean Worlds”. Discussed the evidence for ocean worlds, worlds of solar systems beyond Earth that appear to have liquid water oceans in their interiors. What do we know about them? What do they imply for exoplanets and life in the Universe? Interesting topic with numerous follow-up questions by membership.

3 – Paul Bleikamp will poll memberships next meeting concerning upcoming field trips.

4- Deb Bleikamp conducted the ever popular 50-50 raffle which \$40.00 was distributed (a \$10 winner donated funds back to the club).

5 - 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, February 4th Club Meeting, March 3rd Club Meeting, April 7th Club Meeting, April 28th Peoria Library Public Star Party, May?? Club Picnic (Beardsley Park, Sun City as the venue, date to be determined).

6 – 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. Hoping weather clears for a Star Party, haven’t hosted since October.

7. John Cline briefed membership on a displayed donated Meade telescope with 8 additional lens’ and numerous other extras which is for sale \$250.00; check the website for more information.

8. Janie Randle introduced the four new club members and introduced Ted Farmer who is our new “Membership Director”, welcome and thanks for stepping up and volunteering.

9. Charles Beaudrot conduct the Annual Audit of the Club's financial records and reported, books are in order.

**Meeting adjourned by at 8:20 pm.**

Next meeting scheduled for (Tuesday) February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Beth Oudean, via email on January 8, 2020.

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