



West Valley Astronomy Club (WVAC)

Board and Volunteer Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2020

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

Board Members and Volunteers Present: Bob Randle (President), John Cline (Vice President), Janie Randle (Treasurer), Beth Oudean (Secretary), Ted Farmer (Membership Director), Bob Colvert (Program Director), Paul Bleikamp (Events Director), Deb Bleikamp (Contest Director), Fred Fitzgerald (Sign In Table) and Walter Schmitt (Star Party Coordinator)

Absent Volunteers: Jan Weaver (NSN Director), Susan Adkins (Hospitality), Ryan Morrell (Web Master) and MaryAnne Balzer (Facility Liaison).

1 - The meeting started at 7:00 pm

2 - Remarks by President Bob Randle

- Main Meeting Room operations and arrangement is changing;
 - Meeting format change: Opening Speaker, Announcements, 50/50 Raffle and Workshop (members who have interesting information and or experiences to share), please submit your topic to Bob Colvert (Program Director) forms are available on each table so you can be scheduled to speak.
 - A Projector (donated by club member) and a large projection screen (purchased by the club \$170.00) will be used for better viewing and the main stage has been shifted to the left to accommodate new equipment and optimize member viewing.
 - Club also purchased a heavy-duty case (\$56.00) to hold the projector.
 - Sign-In table will remain at the entrance managed by Ted Farmer (Membership Director) and Fred Fitzgerald sign in process was reorganized creating less wait time. It was suggested Guests pay a \$2.00 fee to attend meetings to help cover the cost of the speakers.
 - Treasurer will be seated close to the door to accept dues payments, greet non-members and guests.
 - Round tables will be used for meetings to encourage conversation (asking board members and volunteers to spread themselves among the tables).
 - Refreshments will now be immediately available.
 - We will host a 50/50 Raffle Deb Bleikamp (Contest Director).
 - Workshop topics: February meeting topic will be “Telescope Filters and Eyepieces”
- Bob Randle conducted a discussion on a meeting place for the May Meeting Picnic. Several places were suggested Beardsley’s Park which has a \$50.00 usage fee, Emerson Henderson Trail Head unsure if there is a fee or the church which also has a \$50.00 usage fee”. Bob Randle will visit Emerson Henderson Trailhead to survey the area and report back to the Board on his finding, and then a decision will be made.
- Bob Randle gave each Board member and Volunteer the opportunity to give a brief report on their specific area:

