



West Valley Astronomy Club (WVAC)

Board and Volunteer Zoom Brainstorming Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2020

Location of Meeting: Online

Board Members and Volunteers Present: Bob Randle (President), John Cline (Vice President), Beth Oudean (Secretary), Bob Colvert (Program Director), Ryan Morrell (Web Master), John Hiatt (Outreach Coordinator), and Larry Schutte.

1 - The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. organized and hosted by Ryan Morrell. Ryan Morrell quickly allowed Bob Randle to take over the meeting explaining several of the button command options and our discussion was underway.

2 - President Bob Randle and the other members in attendance had a discussion as to how would the best way to present our monthly meetings in the future, as everyone in attendance believed it would be a very long while before it would be possible to meet safely in person once again.

- Several options were discussed, as to what would be the best format for monthly speakers, to have a prerecorded presentation or to have live speakers. A short conversation concerning copy righted materials was discussed. Also, the possibility of exploring other options such as U-Tube.
- Bob Randle presented a group of questions concerning the use of Zoom, how does an open discussion go, how can you put all but selected people on mute. I think this gets at Johns question on not interrupting a presenter. How does the host turn the hosting over to another to allow a screen share presentation? When someone is screen sharing can you eliminate the video, sharing windows for the other participants. This would allow more open screen and/or a bigger presentation window. How can other participant submit questions via chat for presenter to answer? And of course, how does the presenter see the questions when they are ready to take questions. As the questions were asked Ryan, Bob R and Bob C were able to answer the questions and Ryan stated security has improved since the popularity of Zoom has exploded.
- Bob Colvert said he would create a questionnaire and send it to Bob Randle which could be passed along to club members asking for input on what would be the best format for on-line meetings, and if members are comfortable using Zoom for meetings.
- The current cost for Zoom usage is \$14.99 per month, Bob Randle stated in the past the club purchased cookies and coffee at a cost of about \$20.00 per month so the change over would be a wash. Bob Randle stated he would contact someone from Zoom to get some of the group's questions answered such as time limits for use and number of participants at any given time.

3. Star Parties: was some concern about limiting the number of attendees to 10 scopes and 20 people with members keeping the recommended distances. Bob Randle will send out a message on Wednesday 13 May with the date and time of the next Star Party.

4. Bob Randle stated he received a box of NASA memorabilia items, with most of the items designed for kids. He also said he has several pins and certificates to distribute to members who had volunteered for Outreach Programs, he hopes to distribute in the near future.

5. There was also a brief discussion concerning the possibility of finding a new venue to host in person meeting once we could start that again. One suggestion was the Salvation Army building located across the parking lot from our current location. The building can accommodate at least 80 people and the facility can be used on a donation basis, something to consider at a later date.

6. Was an informative and insightful meeting lots of discussion and great conversation.

7 - Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Note: Minutes submitted by Club Secretary Beth Oudean via email on May 10, 2020.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____
Bob Randle (President) (MM/DD/YYYY)