



# West Valley Astronomy Club

Virtual & Physical Combination Monthly Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2021

Location of Meeting: Online Zoom Meeting

Board Members & Volunteers Present: Bob Randle-President, John Cline-Vice President, John Hiatt-Secretary, Bob Colvert (Treasurer) and Janie Randle (Membership Director), Debbie Bleikamp (Contest Director) Paul Bleikamp (Events Director), along with other volunteers, club members and visitors (30 total).

The regular meeting of WVAC was called to order at 7:06 pm by Bob Randle

## 1 - Opening Remarks by Bob Randle

Introduced himself and thanked everyone in attendance. Presented a brief agenda for the meeting starting with the dates of upcoming Star Parties. The next Star Party is Saturday, January 9th, sunset is at 5:39 pm. Backup party is the 16th. if you are interested in attending, check for updates at the WVAC website: <https://wvac.net/events/star-party>

2 - Bob Colvert introduced the Speaker, Casey Good. Casey is a public outreach specialist at Kitt Peak, where he developed astrophotography programs based on the needs of today's hobbyist, having started out as one in his backyard. Casey has been recognized internationally for his work, having been awarded over 20 Astronomy Picture of the Day awards from NASA, Amateur APOD, Astrobin and others, and selected as one of Insight's Astrophotographer of the year in 2019. In "real life" Casey is the Chief Financial Officer of a hospital in Tucson.

Presentation Topic: Kitt Peak National Observatory and Visitor Center in the 2020s

Casey discussed the major scientific endeavors of the observatory and the current and planned Visitor Center programs available to members of the public. Information about the program is available on the Kitt Peak website: <https://visitkittpeak.org/tours-programs/> (Several asked when can we go!?)

The talk was recorded and will be made available on the WVAC Youtube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKvjojN-81Mpe4xkmbigk2w>

3 - Bob Randle presented the Treasurer's audit report. Thanks to those who helped the club in the past. Positions that are still open: Hospitality position is open (coffee and cookies). Night Sky Network Director, keeps track of outreach participation hours, etc.

4 - Other business: Current membership - 42 (need 75-80 to break even)

MaryAnne - Put together a list for calling members to solicit dues from those who have not paid?

John H ? - Link to the YouTube Channel on the website - coming in the future

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Hiatt, via email on January 5, 2020.

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