



West Valley Astronomy Club

Virtual & Physical Combination Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 6, 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 (26 total).

The regular meeting of WVAC was called to order at 7:10 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, April 10th, sunset is at 6:57 pm. 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, Travis Rector. Dr. Rector is a Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Alaska Anchorage. His research interests include Astronomy Education Research, Imagery and Visualization of Research Data, Young Stellar Objects in Star-forming Regions and Multi-wavelength Observational Techniques. He is also a gifted nature photographer who focuses on picturing the beauty of Alaska to share with others.

Topic: How and Why We Make Color Composite Images at Professional Observatories

A video of this excellent presentation will be posted at <https://wvac.net/meetings/previous/>

3 - Brief updates on Outreach by John Cline and John Hiatt:

Still delayed by Covid, but looks like things will open up this summer and very likely by fall.

4 - Other business: WVAC Potluck Supper

May 4th, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Beardsley Park, 20011 N 128th Ave, Sun City West, AZ 85375, USA

This is a Potluck we will not be doing any cooking or grilling at this event.

This will be our last General Meeting until September

There will be a star party at our dark sky site on Saturday May8th

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Hiatt, via email on April 6, 2021.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date _____
Bob Randle (WVAC President)