



West Valley Astronomy Club

Virtual & Physical Combination Monthly Meeting Minutes

Nov 4, 2021

Location of Meeting: Online Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Bob Randle-President, John Cline-Vice President, John Hiatt-Secretary, Bob Colvert (Treasurer) and Janie Randle (Membership Director). Also present: other volunteers and club members (19 total), and ZOOM online attendees (15 total) for 34 total.

The regular meeting of WVAC was called to order at 7:00 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. 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, Presenter: Dr. Gerard van Belle Lowell Observatory. Dr. van Belle has been on the Lowell Observatory staff since 2011. He has worked on every major optical interferometer on the planet. His pioneering stellar surface imaging work on the Palomar Testbed Interferometer won him the directors research award at JPL. He is now the chief scientist for the Navy Precision Optical Interferometer

3 - Presentation Topic: Dr. van Belle spoke about the current research being conducted at Lowell.

The presentation will be posted to the Club's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKvjojN-81Mpe4xkmbigk2w>

4 - Other business: John Hiatt presented the Outreach Report. The club had 2 events in September, 1 in October, and 1 in November with 2 remaining in November. A full report for 2021 will be presented in December. Three new club members have joined the club: Milton Lachman, Kathy Basque and Renate Ellsworth.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Hiatt, via email on November 08, 2021.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date _____

Bob Randle (WVAC President)