



West Valley Astronomy Club

Virtual & Physical Combination Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2021

Meeting Format: In person with ZOOM to our remote attendees

Board Members & Volunteers Present: Bob Randle (President), John Cline (Vice President), John Hiatt (Secretary and Outreach Director), Bob Colvert (Treasurer & Program Director), and Janie Randle (Membership Director), Maria Bears (Contest Director), and Peggy Ann Tweedy (Hospitality Director), along with other volunteers, club members and visitors (40 in person + 0 in Zoom = 40 total present).

1 - Opening Remarks: The regular meeting of WVAC was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bob Randle. Bob Introduced himself and thanked everyone in attendance. This was our annual Holiday business meeting with presentations by club members. Food generously donated by Bob & Carolyn Colvert. The next Star Party updates are available on the WVAC website: <https://wvac.net/events/star-party> . Back to the OLD LOCATION for now.

2 - Speakers: Bob Colvert started to introduce our speakers: however due to technical difficulties, ZOOM was not available. Their presentations will be shifted to the next meeting in January.

Amin Patani – Astrophotography of the Veil Nebula

Larry Matney – Will present his photos of the night sky and share his experience in Astrophotography

Cori Charles – As a NASA ambassador she will speak on a few NASA missions and use of the NASA website.

Luke Edens gave an in-person update on the Digital Billboard ordinance passed by Maricopa County .

3 - Future Meetings: The January through May speakers are lined up. The May picnic will tentatively be held at the same park location as last year in Sun City West.

Future Outreach Activities: Bob Randle presented an overview of the 2021 Outreach Activities. 277 Volunteer Hours resulted in contact with 809 attendees at WVAC Outreach Events. Thanks to all our volunteers. Possible future directions for Outreach were mentioned such as: Regular Monthly Outreach at the same location, blended with some school and library outreach.

Future Club Field Trips: Very Large Array (Socorro New Mexico), Animas New Mexico (Dark Sky Site), Flagstaff, Arizona (Powell Observatory), Kit Peak National Observatory (Tucson Arizona), Meteor Lab (ASU - Tempe Arizona), Mirror Lab (UA - Tucson), East Valley Observatory.

4 - Other business: reminder that this is a great time to renew your membership for 2022.

\$20.00 dues for 2022 paid to the order of WVAC. please bring to a meeting, or mail a check to:

Janie Randle / Membership Director / 13738 W. Summerstar Dr. / Sun City West, AZ 85375.

Membership is currently at 85-90, with 40 paid through 2022.

Special Star Party on Dec 26 (Sunday) to see Venus and the Comet Leonard - try out that new equipment you got for Christmas! At the "OLD" location.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Hiatt, via email on December 7, 2021.

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