



West Valley Astronomy Club

Virtual & Physical Combination Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2022

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), Janie Randle (Membership Director), Maria Bears (Contest Director), and Peggy Ann Tweedy (Hospitality Director), along with other volunteers, club members and visitors (17 in person + 9 in Zoom = 26 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. The next Star Party updates are available on the WVAC website: <https://wvac.net/events/star-party>.

2 - Speakers: Bob Colvert introduced tonight's speaker, **Dr. Hannes Bernhardt**
Presentation: **A Song of Ice and Fire: What Happened on Mars' Oldest Large Volcanic Province.**

Format: Dr. Bernhardt presented via ZOOM. Dr. Bernhardt is a Postdoctoral Research Scholar at ASU. Dr. Bernhardt is now a Postdoc at the Ronald Greeley Center for Solar System Studies at SESE/ASU, Hannes Bernhardt did his PhD in Muenster, Germany on the geomorphology of Hellas Planitia, Mars.

3 - Future Meetings: This was the last meeting of the spring. The first fall meeting will be in September
The May picnic WILL be held at the same park location as last year in Sun City West.

Future Outreach Activities: John Hiatt - Outreach Next Week

Peoria Main Library

Date and time: Monday, April 11 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM

We'll plan to set up at 6:00 pm

Address: Peoria Main Library at N 85th Ave. and W Monroe St

Brief introductory talk - TBD

Setup Location: On the roof of the parking garage

Photo Link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/JGVjKyJa6bFKU7zz6>

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/GjkbGBqyfBoXu36CA>

Great site, top of the parking garage, library doors open until 7:00.

Easy to get to from Grand Avenue, lots of parking just for us.

Attendees last year: 37

Future Club Field Trip TBDs: 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: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Hiatt, via email on April 12, 2022.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date _____

Bob Randle (WVAC President)