



West Valley Astronomy Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Dec 5, 2023

Meeting Location: Beardsley Recreation Center - 12755 W Beardsley Rd, Sun City West, AZ 85375 - #1 Chicory Room

Board Members & Volunteers Present: Bob Randle (President), Paul Bleikamp (Vice President), Bob Colvert (Treasurer & Program Director), John Hiatt (Secretary and Outreach Director), Janie Randle (Membership Director), Peggy Ann Tweedy (Hospitality Director), Larry Matney (Star Party Coordinator), Amin Patani (Astro-photography Leader), Lois Caldwell (NSN Coordinator) along with other volunteers, club members and visitors (**= 47 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.

2 - Speaker: Bob Colvert introduced tonight's speakers

Topic - Website: Bob Randle presented the NEW WVAC Website. Bob took the group through the ins and outs of the new and improved website, and how to get the most out of it.

Topic - Solar Telescope: John Hiatt, Larry Matney, Paul Bleikamp, Bob Covert and Bob Randle made a presentation about a proposal for the WVAC to acquire a Hydrogen Alpha Solar Telescope for Outreach and Astrophotography use by the club.

Vote: On the proposal to authorize the board to spend funds for the purchase of a hydrogen-alpha telescope.

Result: Aye ___46_____, Nay ___1_____

3 - Future Meetings: The next meeting will be on January 2nd.

4 - Future Outreach Activities

Traditional Academy at Bellaire - Atar Party - January 17 - Wednesday (confirmed)

Surprise Library - January 18 - Star Party - Thursday (confirmed)

White Tank Mountain Library - Telescope Talk (confirmed)

El Mirage Library - Thursday January 25th Moon and Star Party (confirmed)

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

6 - Other business: na

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Hiatt, via email on **Dec 5, 2023**.

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