



West Valley Astronomy Club

Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

Meeting: Dairy Queen on Grand Avenue, Sun City, AZ

Board Members and Volunteers Present: Bob Randle (President), Bob Colvert (Treasurer), Larry Matney (Outreach Director), Josh Burtrum (Star Party Coordinator), Lana Slinkard (Trip Organizer)

1 – First Order of Business: This meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Bob Randle. JD, Bob's contact for the annual star party event at Alamo State Park, is moving and will no longer be available for coordination and setup for the Park. JD, who presently lives in Tucson, will meet with Bob here in the Valley today to discuss what needs to be done and to give Bob the contact list and handouts.

2 – After discussing with the Board members, Bob said that the Board agreed that WVAC could take on the responsibility for setting up and running the annual event at the Alamo in November, which usually lasts for four days. Also, the day before the Alamo Park events, club members set up solar telescopes at the Wenden Elementary School and then the Siloam Elementary School for the students to participate in sidewalk astronomy.

3 – Bob called the Alamo state Park after the meeting to get information on availability of power and services; hopefully, the Park will supply something. For this year's event on November 7, of the four cabins available, three have been spoken for. The Park will be host and reserve a place for the WVAC. Park reservations are required for cabins and RV camping with hookups, but dry camping is available without reservation.

4.– Members are encouraged to check the website for latest information on field trips and other events which were discussed at the meeting today.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. Minutes submitted by Bud and Betsy Johnson, via email **January 14, 2026.**

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