

## **SJAA Board Meeting Minutes**

### **03 March 2018**

- ☐ Call to order: 6:12
- ☐ Taking of attendance:
  - Present: RobC, RobJ, Swami, Glenn, Wolf, Vini, Sukhada, Bill.
  - Absent: None
- ☐ Recognition of guests: JvN, Emi, Nikola, Victor, Gary, Werner
- ☐ Approve prior meeting minutes: RobC motions to approve, Bill seconds, all approve.
- ☐ Approve Membership Report: RobJ motions to approve, RobC seconds, all approve.

#### **Reports**

- ☐ Club Reports
  - ☐ Treasurer (Rob J)
  - ☐ Membership (Dave I)
- ☐ Programs
  - ☐ Astronomy 101 (David G)
  - ☐ Binocular Stargazing (Ed)
  - ☐ Coders (TBD)
  - ☐ Donations (Dave)
  - ☐ FixIt (Vini)
  - ☐ Guest Speakers (Sukhada)
  - ☐ Imaging Clinics/Workshops (Glenn)
  - ☐ Imaging SIG (Bruce)
  - ☐ Library (Vinod)
  - ☐ Loaner (Kanch)
  - ☐ Publicity (Rob J)
  - ☐ QuickSTART (Dave I)
  - ☐ School Star Party (Jim)
  - ☐ Solar (Bill)
  - ☐ Starry Nights (CarlW)

#### **Upcoming Key Events**

- ☐ ITSP - 3/9: Reminder to RobJ: Please mail the observers group by Weds before the event with Call for Scopes.
- ☐ Starry Nights - 3/10: Call for Scopes.
- ☐ Spring Swap Meet - 3/11 @12pm: Call for volunteers
- ☐ ITSP - 3/23: Reminder to Swami: Please mail the observers group by Weds before the event with Call for Scopes.

#### **Future Board Member absences, etc.**

Anyone going on work travel, vacation, etc?  
Bill will be absent next meeting.

## **Open Action Items From Last Meeting**

Action RobJ: Send the SJAA original logos to MarianneD - Done!

Action CarlW: Final procedure for Starry Nights with OSA buy-in. - First draft has been discussed. Still needs to formalize the procedure and get official buy-in from the OSA.

## **Agenda Topics - Priority Items**

### **2018 Officer Elections**

Officer election rules from the bylaws:

Any member may serve as an officer of this corporation. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, at any time, and each officer shall hold office until he or she resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified, whichever occurs first.

| Office    | Candidates           |
|-----------|----------------------|
| President | Swami (board member) |
| VP        | Bill (incumbent)     |
| Treasurer | RobJ (incumbent)     |
| Secretary | RobC (incumbent)     |

New executive board was approved. Bill motioned for the above ticket, RobJ seconded, all approved.

### **New Editor for the Ephemeris - RobJ**

Let's take a moment to thank Emi for stepping up and getting the March edition out. Unless someone disagrees we can formally vote her into the roll. Here is the relevant section from the bylaws:

Article 14, Sec 2 states "The President of the SJAA will nominate the Editor of the SJAA Ephemeris; his/her election requires a majority vote of the board."

Swami nominated Emi for editor of the Ephemeris, RobC seconds, all approve.

### **Empty Board Seat - RobC**

Brainstorm ideas for possible replacements for Teruo's seat. We haven't announced it publicly. Action RobC will post to the usual places.

### **SJAA School Program Lead - TBD**

Jim is announcing that he is looking for a replacement leader for the SJAA school program. We will begin the search as soon as possible.

JvN walked us through the job briefly. Largely managing the email from teachers, etc takes the longest time. For new schools he scouts the locations which takes some additional time. Most of the core members of the SSP program attended the meeting. Largely they are happy to continue volunteering at

the events, but feel they are not suited for the administration of the SSP. JvN also has notes about and contact info for a large number of schools. He will share this and other details with any new coordinator.

We talked about a few possible members who might take on the roll. (No immediate volunteers were in attendance)

#### **Librarian - RobC**

Vinod, the SJAA librarian, is moving away, so we'll need to find someone to take it over.

RobC will cover the job for now. (Take email address and get door combo.)

Action RobC: Announce the opening.

#### **Spring Swap Meet - Davel**

Spring Swap is 3/11. Any issues to discuss?

We are good, 1 week to go.

### **Agenda Topics - Legal/Financial/Insurance Issues**

#### **CoSJ Contract - TBD**

The City has accepted our RFQ. No new status to report.

#### **Finding an Audit Firm - RobJ**

No status update.

### **Agenda Topics - Misc**

#### **Member welcome email - Swami**

Did we roll it out?

Text is ready, just making sure the HTML doesn't get sanitized by WordPress.

#### **RASC 2018 Handbook & Calendar Sales - Bill**

Update with status on the sales of the handbooks/calendars.

Only a few handbooks are left. Sukhada will announce them tonight at the speaker series. Bill asks if we should have a fire sale? The new price is \$15.

RobJ asks about previous sales proceeds. Bill will bring the checks to the treasurer at the solar event.

#### **Quest for Space: ISS student experiments - Bill**

The club received an e-mail from Quest for Space at <http://www.thequestinstitute.com/ISS/>

This allows students to prepare experiments whose goal is Launch on the ISS.

Is any Board Member interested? The brochure is here: <http://bit.ly/2HZUDw2>

We discussed it briefly, but we are not sure how to proceed. Will address it more offline.

#### **Solar Donation Gear - Bill**

The club received a large donation of solar gear. What should we do with it?

Odds are the gear is too expensive and too big for loaner gear, though Wolf will look at it during the solar Sunday. We won't take any action until Wolf has had a chance to look at the gear.

**Loaner Solar Scope - Wolf**

Wolf to write up a proposal for the suggested gear and the required expenditure.

Wolf has written up a proposal. He prefers the Lunt 50mm of the options in his proposal. The budget is approximately \$2000 for the gear. We are rushed tonight, so we will look over the proposal in detail next meeting.

**Additional Astronomy Intro Presentations to Public - Wolf**

Opportunity to present additional introductory talks to public (i.e. during ISTP nights not already paired with Intro to Night Sky). What are the details?

**Credit Union Partnership - RobJ**

We were offered to be part of an affiliate program with Provident Credit Union. No cost to us, but potential benefits to members.

**SCT Fix-It apprentice for Phil - Vini**

We should start to try and find an apprentice for Phil as an SCT expert.

**Proposal for waiving membership fee and lifetime memberships - Membership Chair**

We are waiting on a formal proposal from the membership chair.

**Next Board Meeting:**

March 31st, 6pm at Houge Park

8pm, General Meeting: TBD Speaker.