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SLAS's Newsletter's 50th year of publication.

Please Welcome The Newest SLAS Members!

Barrett, Connor

Carrillo, Jason

Smith, Gary



Leslie Fowler took this picture at last month's SLAS December Solstice party

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY TRANSITIONAL BOARD MEETING

11 December 2019

Location: Denny's Restaurant, 250 W 500 S, Salt Lake City

Board Members in Attendance: John Johansen, Denise Larsen, Luke Moses, Jim Keane

General Members in Attendance: John Drabik, Rodger Fry, Joan Carman, Jill, Daland Speirs, Tom Sevcik, Larry Holmes and Patrick Wiggins

President John Johansen called the meeting to order: 7:00 PM

Patrick Wiggins stated that he made reservations for the Solstice Party for 2020.

Speakers for the General Meeting – January is open, any suggestions are welcome.

Officers' Reports

John Johansen – Nothing to report

Leslie Fowler – Absent

Denise Larsen – John will email the agreement for November's speaker for payment.

Jim Keane – Received a couple of requests for star parties, will be sending out email.

Luke Moses – Nothing to report.

Rodger Fry – Handed out the proposed 2020 star party schedule, discussion was had, including using libraries for locations. Minor adjustments were made but it was decided to table the discussion to January. He also said the SPOC committee meeting will be in January or February. The main point of the meeting will be the Jachmann scope.

Patrick Wiggins – Reported that he is working with Bob Moore to get the Bogdan dome sandblasted. He also reminded the Board that the schedule for the Board and General Meetings needs to be in the January newsletter. Luke motioned that we keep these meetings unchanged. Jim seconded the motion and the board vote was unanimous.

Budget

Jim handed out the PROPOSED BUDGET for 2020:

General

Insurance	1,651	– Luke will try to reduce this cost
Insurance (Directors & Officers)	747	
General Meeting guest speakers	500	
Astronomical League	250	
Office supplies	50	
Copies	50	
Entertainment	500	– Solstice party Tip (200), SPOC picnics (150) SPOC Cleanup lunch (150)
Event materials	200	
Advertising	100	
Club corporation renewal fees	115	
Website redesign	fundraising	
Website maintenance	345	
Miscellaneous	250	– board approval necessary
Subtotal:	4,758	
SPOC expenses	500	
Total of General & SPOC	5,258	
ZAP		
Library scope program	4,522	– Luke motioned that this money is to be spent on up to 12 scopes by the end of this year. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
Total expenses	9,780	
Total remaining funds	9,794	
Emergency funds	4,000	– It was decided the board must vote to spend this money.

John Johansen expressed special thanks to everyone for their support, especially during the months of his absence for health reasons.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm

Proposed 2020 SLAS Meeting Schedule

- 08 JAN Board Meeting
- 15 JAN General Meeting
- 12 FEB Board Meeting
- 19 FEB General Meeting
- 11 MAR Board Meeting
- 18 MAR General Meeting
- 08 APR Board Meeting
- 15 APR General Meeting
- 13 MAY Board Meeting
- 20 MAY General Meeting
- 10 JUN Board Meeting
- 17 JUN General Meeting
- 08 JUL Board Meeting
- 15 JUL General Meeting
- 12 AUG Board Meeting
- 19 AUG General Meeting
- 09 SEP Board Meeting
- 16 SEP General Meeting
- 14 OCT Board Meeting
- 21 OCT General Meeting
- 11 NOV Board Meeting
- 18 NOV General Meeting
- 09 DEC Transitional Board Meeting

Board meetings to start at 7:00 pm and be held in the meeting room of the Denny's restaurant located at 250 W 500 S.

General meetings to start at 7:30 pm and be held in the Salt Lake Community College's Rampton Technology Building located at 4600 S Redwood Rd.

Proposed 2020 SLAS Public Sun Party & SPOC Star Party Schedule

- 11 APR Sun Party
- 18 APR Stansbury Park Observatory Complex (SPOC)
- 02 MAY SPOC
- 09 MAY Sun Party
- 16 MAY SPOC
- 30 MAY SPOC
- 06 JUN Sun Party
- 13 JUN SPOC
- 27 JUN SPOC
- 04 JUL Sun Party
- 11 JUL SPOC
- 25 JUL SPOC
- 08 AUG Sun Party
- 15 AUG SPOC
- 29 AUG SPOC
- 05 SEP Sun Party
- 12 SEP SPOC
- 26 SEP SPOC
- 03 OCT Sun Party
- 10 OCT SPOC
- 24 OCT SPOC

The above proposed dates and locations as well as those for additional public star parties in the Salt Lake Valley will be discussed at this month's board meeting and then discussed and voted on at January's General Membership Meeting. Members are encouraged to provide input.

SLAS Member Information

The SLAS Member Information file is available at <http://slas.us/slasbooks/NEWMEM.PDF>.

Loaner Telescopes For SLAS Members

SLAS has several scopes available for loan to current SLAS members. Check the SLAS website under "[Membership Benefits](#)" for details.

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Events Calendar

January 2020

08 Board Meeting at Denny's Restaurant, 250 W 500 S, 7:00 pm

15 General Meeting at SLCC's Rampton Technology Building, Taylorsville Campus, 7:30 pm

The following is the proposed schedule which will be discussed and voted on at the 15 January General Membership Meeting. The final version of the schedule will be posted on the the Events Calendar.

February 2020

12 Board Meeting at Denny's Restaurant, 250 W 500 S, 7:00 pm

19 General Meeting at SLCC's Rampton Technology Building, Taylorsville Campus, 7:30 pm

March 2020

11 Board Meeting at Denny's Restaurant, 250 W 500 S, 7:00 pm

18 General Meeting at SLCC's Rampton Technology Building, Taylorsville Campus, 7:30 pm

View a list of all SLAS events online on the Events Calendar

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