

**Call to order: 6:10 PM**

Members present: Laurence Mohr, Jeff Shokler, Jurgen Patau, Martin Mika, Mike Van Susteren, Ed Proctor, Dan Hyslop

*Martin moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented, Jeff seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.*

Amendments to the 9 October 2019 meeting minutes proposed:

- Add note that Jeff and Ed's absences were excused
- Clarify that the budget was approved, not just the treasurer report
- Note the decision to replace clubhouse door and change passcode was deferred.

It was also noted that the impromptu board meeting on 8 November lacked quorum but the action taken did not require official approval. A record of the meeting minutes will be kept.

*Ed moved to approve amendments, Jurgen seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.*

**President's business**

The board agreed that in person meetings must not continue and discussed how to hold elections during the pandemic and how to solicit self-nominations from members interested in serving. The consensus plan is to have members send a copy of their ballots to Laurence and to the info@ email address managed by Dan so there can be two separate records, plus the option of sending an anonymous paper ballot to Dan if so desired.

*Jeff moved to authorize electronic voting for the May 2020 elections, Jurgen seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.*

Laurence announced that he has the instructions to change the YRS door code and suggested we do so before Summer. Discussed updating email lists to ensure only observing members receive the code.

Laurence presented the slate of board candidates for the May 2020 elections:

President: Laurence Mohr  
Vice-President: Kevin Santulis  
Treasurer: Jurgen patau  
Secretary: Dan Hyslop  
Observatory Director: Martin Mika  
At Large: Charles Cowles  
At Large: Edwin Proctor

*Mike motioned to approve the slate, Ed seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.*

The history committee led by John Rummel is conducting interviews and acquiring documents and materials. Board discussed but did not finalize methods to keep this information safe, including a backup physical drive held in a safe deposit box.

The board discussed the size and scope of the YRS renovation committee and decided to start the committee with the four members listed below but with the option of adding more members as desired. The board stressed

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the importance of soliciting input from the general membership and the possibility of holding a brainstorming picnic. It was noted that the president can appoint a committee without a motion by the board.

Martin Mika  
Dan Hyslop  
Jurgen Patau  
Kevin Santulis

The board discussed the proposed 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet in 2021. This event would possibly be much larger than the typical annual banquet, featuring retired members and guests of honor and a presentation about the foundation and history of the club. Options for a larger venue and how much of the cost could be subsidized by the club were not finalized. The board expressed its full support to John Rummel to organize an event and a committee may be formed to assist him if necessary.

### **Treasurer's report**

Jurgen presented the financial report and the club had 105 members. The board discussed using CDs or checking for the YRS improvements but deferred final decision. Jurgen has concerns about the impact of the pandemic on the club's public outreach events for the year and on membership renewals in the fall.

### **Observatory director's report**

Martin reported the storm doors are damaged and need repair or replacement, the DGRO and AKO have mice, there's damage from moles digging near the pads and club members report circuit breakers tripping during normal use. There was extensive discussion about lawn mowing. Jurgen volunteered to speak to Carson Yanna about cutting down the tree west of the YRS and the YRS renovation committee will explore topping the south trees as part of the general improvements. Martin will create a list of equipment for the board to approve for deaccessioning to club members. Martin may also install shelves in the clubhouse if he has time.

### **No new business**

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Next meeting is planned for June

*Jurgen moved to adjourn, Martin seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.*

### **Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM**

Minutes recorded and submitted by Dan Hyslop, secretary