

Call to order: 6:38 PM

Roll Call

Members present: Laurence Mohr, Kevin Santulis, Jurgen Patau, Martin Mika, David Leiphart, Jack Fitzmier, Dan Hyslop

Review and Approval of the Agenda

Jack moved to adopt the meeting agenda as presented, Kevin seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

During the 08 March 2023 meeting, the board decided to amend a proposal made earlier in the meeting. The draft minutes as recorded by the secretary only recorded the amended proposal. The board today decided to include the original motion in the minutes and an entry in Such Other Matters reflecting the board's further discussion of and final language of the proposal.

Kevin moved to approve the minutes of the 08 March 2023 board meeting as amended. Martin seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Kevin moved to approve the minutes of the 10 March 2023 general membership meeting as submitted. Martin seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Kevin moved to approve the minutes of the 06 April 2023 board meeting as submitted. Martin seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Kevin moved to approve the minutes of the 12 May 2023 general membership meeting as submitted. Martin seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

President's Business

The board discussed holding a memorial event for longtime member Wynn Wacker to coincide with the re-opening of Yanna Research Center following the site improvements. The board settled on Saturday, 09 September 2023 pending availability of John Rummel who will be asked to speak. The rain date will be the following day. Someone will reach out to Wynn's connections on LinkedIn.

Treasurer's Report

- a. The club has had 28 donors to the YRS improvement project totaling \$10,800. After the project is complete Jurgen expects the club to have \$16,500 remaining including \$10,000 in reserves. Jurgen would like prospective budgets for the ongoing repair work of existing facilities at YRS.
- b. The club currently has 131 members. Renewals will be sent out after Labor Day.

Observatory Director's Report

The entire board appreciates David's efforts to repair existing facilities at YRS. The board will also develop a vision for "phase three" of the YRS project to improve amenities for members.

New Business

- a. Jack is working with a local vendor on a plaque for the clubhouse to commemorate the YRS project donors. The board decided against having special notation on the plaque for the donors with named pads.
- b. The board discussed David's ongoing efforts to repair the DGRO, including (i) using engineered lumber to repair and strengthen the roof and (ii) adding blocking, mesh and foam to prevent rodent intrusion.

David moved to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$1000 for purchasing lumber and materials to repair the roof the DGRO. Kevin seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- c. The board also discussed a possible future residing of the DGRO next year, along with replacing soffits on the clubhouse and planting light blocking trees on the NE or W margins of the site. The board also decided that Martin should dispose of foam flooring from the DGRO that has absorbed mouse droppings.

Old Business

- a. YRS construction is on hold due to excessive heat. It should be complete by the end of next week.
- b. David has stripped paint off areas of the AKO ahead of using penetrating epoxy to stabilize the wood. This and other AKO work will continue this fall.
- c. The board would like to visit the observing site of the Milwaukee Astronomical Society and is willing to prioritize this over our own scheduled star parties. The board singled out the dates of 07 October, 14 October, 04 November and 11 November as possible dates.

Next Meeting

The board will meet in September or October to establish YRS work budgets for the next fiscal year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Dan Hyslop, secretary