

MEETING OF THE LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN OBSERVATORY ASSOCIATION

June 19, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

President, Allen Davey; Vice President, Robert Grover; Secretary/Treasurer, Alva Hibbs

MEMBERS

Earl and Linda Robinson

VISITORS

Terri Verbecken; Terry Taddeucci; Ryan Methfessel*; Corey Hubbard*; Savannah Hubbard*

(*attended star party only)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Rio Grande County Courthouse Annex. The Vice President called the meeting to order pending arrival of the President. Minutes from the September 18, 2018 meeting were reviewed. The Board agreed that they be approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Al provided the QuickBooks financial report. The current balance is \$2,904.96. All members and visitors present, except the later star party attendees, paid \$25.00 for their 2021 membership dues. Al will have membership cards ready for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There is concern about the cliff edge and rocky trail hazards. Al distributed photos from the Assessor's office that shows that the observatory property line is actually away from the cliff edge until near the bottom of the hill, so the cliff hazard is mostly on Rio Grande County property. However, the Board agreed that D&O (Directors and Officers) liability insurance would be prudent. Robert reported that reasonable cost insurance might be available to us through a membership in The Astronomical League. He will check and report at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Al reported that the Cuatro Estados RV Club (18 members) will be staying in Del Norte 7/28/21 thru 8/2/21 and had requested a tour or star party at the observatory. Since there is little to view during that period, Al suggested that we have daytime star party around 10:30 a.m. and set up the telescope to view sun spots. The Board agreed and Al will report back to them.

Al reported that our website, www.delnorteobservatory.org, had been terminated since, sadly unknown to us, our webmaster, Steve Lackey in Phoenix, AZ, had died autumn 2019. Fortunately, Al was able to retrieve the content including photos and the historical narratives and information. The Board and visitors agreed it was important to reactivate the website. Al and Bob will start on that goal.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Board agreed that the next meeting and star party should include an election of officers. Al distributed a Board of Directors application form for anyone that might be interested. Terri Verbecken completed and submitted hers after adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board agreed to adjourn and open the observatory for the star party.

Alva Hibbs, Secretary/
Treasurer