

Minutes of the Boulder Astronomy & Space Society Board of Directors Meeting,
12/14/06 2:00 PM

Present: Steven Hartung, Doug Duncan, John Pedersen, Keith Gleason, and Archer Sully.

Steve presented an update on the Society membership and activities.

Membership:

- Membership fairly flat at 44 paid memberships.
- Lost about ½ the membership at renewal time, took most of the year to build back up to current level. No significant net gain, but many new people with a strong interest have joined.

Events:

- Weather was an issue all year. Almost every public event was poor weather or actually rained out.
- Lyons elementary star party, terrible weather but still a big turnout.
- National Astronomy Day – poor weather, moderate turnout
- CO Astronomy Day – good weather, very light turn out for observing at SBO hosted by BASS. BASS members and few visitors were treated to great views of an iridium flare, meteors, and comet occultation of a star. But not a single person came up to the deck from the events in the planetarium. It is unclear if we had sufficient signage in place.
- MRS star party was big success in spite of bad weather. We were nearly 100% booked, and we had a great August meeting with a presentation on archeoastronomy by John Stocke. Several people that did not overnight at the star party came up just for the meeting.
- 29th St. grand opening - BASS participated in the Science Saturday portion of the grand opening events to the open air mall with some sidewalk solar astronomy. Weather was again an issue, but interest was still there from the public.

BASS elections will take place at the January meeting. All of the current officers have volunteered to run again, no one else has volunteered yet for nomination, so all are running unopposed at this time. Julie Carmen has volunteered and been nominated to succeed Archer Sully as the member at large on the Board of Directors.

The Board reviewed the 2006 expenses. The board found no issues with the expenses. Income for the year was \$561, yielding a balance of \$1213. MRS netted \$17 after expenses.

The Board unanimously authorized spending money for storage cabinets that can hold BASS equipment and supplies at either SBO or Fiske. Spending was also unanimously authorized for solar telescope (an H-alpha filter system) for use by Society members and for daytime public outreach events.

Recruitment was discussed. This remains an area that needs focus. We are underrepresented by CU students. BASS will create student focused posters for CU and SBO and Doug will make an announcement to instructors at the beginning of the

semesters (January and again in April). Julie Carmen may be recruited to help in membership development.

After a brief discussion it was determined that dues structure for 2006 would be unchanged, it was approved: 5 votes for / 0 against.

The dues for remain the same as in 2006, 2007 dues are as follows:

- Members shall pay \$20 per year in annual dues (\$10 after 6/30/07).
- Student Members shall pay \$10 per year in annual dues (\$5 after 6/30/07).
- Contributing Members shall pay a minimum of \$40 per year.
- Patrons of the Society shall provide material or financial support equivalent to a minimum of \$100 per year.

Prior to the meeting Steve distributed a draft conflict of interest policy. In order to simplify the 501(c)3 application, BASS needs to have one. There was some discussion on the policy. The board then voted 5 votes for/ 0 against to adopt the conflict of interest policy as written in the draft.

The proposed bylaw amendment was discussed concerning the Director of SBO position. The membership and the Executive Committee control bylaw changes, but the board was brought up to date on the subject. No concerns were raised, the board approves of the proposed changes.

There was a discussion of the possibility of hosting ALCon or a combined AstroCon (AL/AAVSO/ALPO) in Boulder in 2009. This was informally proposed by Wayne Green (BASS member and DAS president) at ALCon 2006. An exploration committee consisting of members of BASS, DAS, and LASS is being formed. A formal proposal to AL would have to be submitted at the 2007 ALCon. BASS is too small to be the main host of such an event, but with a lot of DAS and LAS participation, it may be possible. Doug and Keith both expressed interest in active participation by Fiske and SBO in such an event.

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.