

Alliance for Astronomy, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 21, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Astronomy, Inc. was held at Cottleville, Missouri on the 21st day of July, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

The following were present: Joan Twillman, Amy White, Erika Gibb, Marvin Stewart, Jim Twellman and Wayne Clark. James Roe, the Executive Director, Yvonne Roe, Corporate Secretary were also present. Nancy Clark was a guests.

A copy of the notice for the meeting was presented and filed with the minutes of the meeting.

On motion properly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2010 were approved unanimously.

ED James Roe presented the financial reports for the second quarter ended June 30, 2010. Motion made and seconded to approve said statements and that they were in full compliance with Board policies as to financial management and reporting.

James Roe presented the Executive Director's report which he noted:

- Public outreach activities have increased with the better weather and the regular open houses at the Broemmelsiek Park site are seeing increasing attendance.
- Membership in the Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri increased by 8 members in the second quarter
- The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department has decided to build a shelter for the 32-in telescope adjacent to the other resources in Broemmelsiek Park and AfA's only requirement is to provide sealed construction drawings detailing our requirements for the telescope.
 - Three bids for the construction drawings were sought and the lowest bid was \$2,600. The ED will negotiate final details with this bidder and expects to award the contract the week of July 28, 2010
 - The Employees Community Fund of Boeing – St. Louis awarded AfA a grant of \$3,000 to be used in the development and furnishing of the new telescope shelter.
- ED Roe has started offering classes in various aspects of astronomy including a recently started class in Lunar and Planetary Imaging using the resources at Broemmelsiek Park and a class in Beginning Astronomical Observing at the St. Charles Community College to start in the Fall semester.
- The tenth anniversary of the first County Park, Quail Ridge, will be celebrated on Sunday, July 25, 2010 and ASEM will present an information table and an outside booth featuring our Solar Telescopes
- A new outreach effort to develop telescope shelters in neighboring city parks was announced utilizing donated telescopes for which we have no need in Broemmelsiek.

Under new business, it was noted that the management contract with the ED expires on September 30, 2010. Board members were emailed a copy of the contract to freshen their understanding and all were tasked to be prepared to address the issue at the next meeting of the Board which was scheduled for September 15, 2010 to allow time to complete the matter before it expires.

Under old business, the draft of the Board Strategic Plan presented at the last meeting was discussed.

For the record, it was noted the following terms of the Members of the Board

Bob Judd and Jim Twellman until January 2013
Amy White, Wayne Clark and Marvin Stewart until January 2011
Erika Gibb and Joan Twillman until January 2012

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne J. Roe, Secretary