



General Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2022

Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order by President Art Arnold-Roksandich at 6:32 PM
- 9 in-person attendees at the Prescott Library and 18 on-line attendees at peak

Business Topics:

- Treasurer's Report for February 2022:
 - Cash flow:
 - Income: \$75.03
 - Expenses: \$2.04
 - Net: \$72.99
 - Combined account balances:
 - Beginning: \$5,867.21
 - Ending: \$5,940.20
 - Net: \$72.99
- Membership Report:
 - The club had 48 members at the end of February

Announcements:

- Upcoming Star Parties:
 - Our first Starry Nights Star Party of the year will be on March 5th from 7:30 -9:30 PM at Pronghorn Park. You may arrive early for set up. Unfortunately, the weather forecast is not looking favorable.
 - We need volunteers for an outreach Star Party for inner-city children at the Kiwanis Camp on March 30th. We could use at least 3 volunteers.
 - Our second Starry Nights Star Party of the year will be on March 31st at the Highland Center. Over 100 attendees are expected. We can use as many volunteers and telescopes as we can get.
- METASIG:
 - We would like to resume our METASIG (Meet, Eat, and Talk Astronomy Special Interest Group) meetings, but we need a coordinator. Please contact Art at p@prescottastronomyclub.org if interested.
- Updates from David Viscio, Editor of the Ephemeris:
 - David is the club's Starry Nights liaison with PV and with the Highlands Center. He provided these additional details on our upcoming events:
 - Pronghorn Park is an excellent location for a star party, with dark and open skies. The park sprinklers have been a problem in the past, but the city of PV will have the sprinklers turned off for us on March 5th. The event has been advertised through the Pronghorn Homeowners Association, so we expect a good turnout. Club members attending will need to bring portable power for their equipment. We will send out a club email if bad weather forces us to cancel.
 - We've had an overwhelming response for our Star Party at the Highland Center on March 30th. We will be located just outside the main building. Plenty of AC power is available there. Club members attending should plan to arrive early because parking near the building can be an issue. Equipment needs to be carried around the building to the observing location.
 - Newsletter update:

- David joined PAC in September 2009 and soon after took on the newsletter editor role. After 13 years as the newsletter editor, he will be stepping down the end of this year.
- Anyone interest in becoming our next newsletter editor should contact David at pkmist@gmail.com or Art at p@prescottastronomyclub.org. It's a great way to contribute to the club. The job only takes a few hours each month, and David will train his successor.
- Updates from EJ Van Horne, PAC Webmaster:
 - After years of service, Russ Chappell had to step down as our webmaster, and EJ Van Horne has taken over the role. We also recently lost access to plugins used to format our old website. EJ is now rebuilding our website with new formatting tools. It will have a modern interface and will be mobile friendly.
 - The new website, with limited functionality, is now in place. We currently have a working home page, calendar of events, and membership page. EJ will bring up the donation functionality next. The plan is to next move resources from the previous website, like our observing lists and talks history.
 - If you have questions, you can reach EJ at webmaster@prescottastronomyclub.org.

Featured speaker:

- Dr. Rogier Windhorst: James Webb Space Telescope (JWST): A Mission Introduction and Status
- The talk is available online at www.asu.edu/clas/hst/www/jwst/jwsttalks/, file: [prescottAC_jwst22.pdf](#)

Closing:

- Our next general meeting will be on April 6, 2022, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Prescott Public Library and via Zoom
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Report submitted by Roland Albers, PAC Secretary