

South Shore Astronomical Society

Business Meeting Minutes

May 4, 1988

The meeting was brought to order at 8:05 PM by Rolf Egon, President.

Report of Officers

Rolf Egon commented on his resignation, thanked the members for their vote of confidence, and indicated that he would stay on until the election of new officers in June.

Bob Maguire commented on his very excellent newsletter and asked if everyone received his or hers. Bob has agreed to continue writing the newsletter but would appreciate help with the duplicating and mailing. Rolf volunteered to handle the duplicating. Help in addressing and mailing is still needed.

Don Heywood provided copies of the Secretary's report. It was noted that last month's speaker was Bill Luzader (the great talk on astronomy preconceptions).

Bill Connors, Treasurer, was absent. Rolf Egon reported a balance of \$1269.27. Rolf noted that Bill was absent due to golf schedule. Bill is willing to continue as Treasurer if no one else volunteers. But he notes that he will be away from January through April of 1989.

The Corresponding Secretary, Michael Meyers, was absent.

Section Reports

John Nicholson reported that the solar observation was clouded out. It was noted that there has been considerable solar activity lately.

The deep sky observing session was clouded out. The lunar and planetary session coincided with a lecture by Rolf Egon at the Science Center. Rolf was able to end his lecture with a viewing session.

Old Business

The Science Center is still interested in our plans for observatory expansion. They may provide some assistance. Expansion plans were discussed. The likely approach is the addition of an ante room to the existing observatory structure. A group headed by Bill Luzader plans to look at observatory buildings being torn down with a view toward salvaging some materials.

Astronomy Day was celebrated on April 23 at the Hanover Mall. Members provided an exhibit complete with telescopes and sunspot viewing. The event was a success.

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There was some discussion concerning calling people for the June meeting. No decision was reached. Don Heywood volunteered to maintain the membership on a computer so that it could be updated easily and mailing labels could be printed out as required.

The Board of Directors will discuss a dues increase - possibly to as much as \$30.

Terms were assigned to official slate of director nominees: 3 years for the first 2, 2 years for the second 2, and 1 year for the final 2.

New Business

Rolf Egon is looking for assistance for a program to be presented at Derby Academy in Hingham on May 12. Rolf thanked Bob Maguire for the superb newsletter. Rolf reported that the Science Center is having a business meeting and picnic on May 15 and would like to have members present.

The section dates are May 1 for solar, May 13 for deep sky, and May 20 for lunar and planetary.

Stellafane is scheduled for August 12 and 13 in Springfield, Vermont. This is the 53rd year. Write Stellafane, 60 Victoria Rd., Sudbury, MA for more information. Include a stamped long envelope.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 to be followed by an informative presentation on variable star observing. The speaker was John Nicholson.

Submitted by

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