

HAL Officer Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday February 6, 2012

Attendees: David Stein, Joel Goodman, Tony Matesi, Wayne Baggett,
Bob Prokop, Chas Rimpco, Mike Cohee, Peter Friedman

Discussed:

- **GreenFest**
 - At HCC April 14
 - Bob/Joel getting out display boards
 - Call for volunteers to staff a HAL booth

- **Keyholders**
 - Need to re-enroll all key holders
 - David will send out email to key holders
 - Goal is for each key holder to pick one month to run the public star party

- **Marketing**
 - Talked about using "tear-offs" to be placed in business locations by Hal Members
 - Central Library. Daytime solar event. We should choose the 7/14 date to allow for rain date on 7/28.
 - Joel talked about helping Thunder Hill Elm with a star party.
We had a lengthy discussion on Pros and Cons of these events. It seemed the general opinion was to steer all school requests of this nature to our public sky parties.
 - March 31. Earth hour event. I missed some of the details but it seemed we cant help with all public events and that we should have a Star Party to coincide with certain events???
 - HCC Skywatch 4/28
 - Certificates. Chas brought very nice certs we can use for awards. Bob will do a spring 25 object HAL award. Name TBA
 - Hal wants to recognize River Hill Students for first place NASA award for robot orbiting in space station. Mike Cohee will contact teacher in charge. Hoping for presentation at March meeting.

- **Finances**
 - \$13,000 in observatory fund.
 - Joel went over budget for observatory and we are underfunded for current plans.
 - Est. cost is \$66,000 and we are roughly \$40k in the red.
(Wheelchair access accounts for 25k of shortfall, roof is 12k)
 - Discussion on how to cut cost and ideas focused on current wheelchair access/ramp requirement. We discussed ideas to alter plans, postpone ramp, to not having public access to eyepiece as solutions.
 - Construction needs to start ASAP to keep current funding assistance in place
 - Joel will go back to architect and ask for ideas to cut costs.

Meeting Adjourned