

**Attendees:** Mike Weasner (520-289-3402, mweasner@mac.com); Tim Lawler (408-823-5439, timlawler12@att.net); Chip Parfet (303-251-9475, cparfet@gmail.com); Laurie Bryant (910-670-5665, mercereaul@gmail.com); Vince Micallef (480-244-4910; vmicallef@azstateparks.gov); MaryHelen Vasquez (520-955-2074, mhv17@live.com); Chris Mobley (425-239-2938, chrismobleytelos@msn.com)

The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm MST.

The previous meeting minutes were approved as sent out to members.

**Treasurer Report:** Acting Treasurer Mike Weasner gave the treasurer's report.  
Donations = Totaled \$16 since the previous meeting.  
Expenses = none  
The Current balance for ODSC is \$704.18.  
(See spreadsheet attached.)

Weasner mentioned that we have no more ODSC pamphlets available. However, at this time we have sufficient IDA brochures to cover our needs.

ODSC T-shirts to sell was discussed once again. The Committee has previously approved using paintings by local artist and ODSC member MaryHelen Vasquez and her granddaughter. Parfet and Weasner contacted the Oracle Zipline, who has T-shirt printing capability. We are still awaiting a favorable response from them. The next desired selling opportunity for the ODSC T-shirts will be at the September 2018 star party at Oracle State Park.

**Community action (IDA requirement):**

- Weasner helped Mary Helen Vasquez, ODSC member, draft a letter (with day/night photos) to the Arizona Water Company that has a light glaring into her house. The business has agreed to contact SCIP about the light. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

**Repair of the Park's Vixen telescope mount**

Chris Mobley updated the members on his report of the mount. He is working with Vixen on the repair and is making progress. Additional parts are on order.

**Telescope Donations:**

- Weasner will confirm with the Friends of Oracle State Park about raffling off some of its donated telescopes at their next meeting (5 March 2018).
- If approved, the telescopes to be offered will need to be checked out. Mobley and Weasner will do the checkouts.

**Past Events:**

**Saturday, 17 February 2018, Oracle State Park**

Live Music and Star Party. Nice attendance, but the star party was clouded out. Thanks to the two members of the Saddlebrooke SkyGazers Club who brought telescopes.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Thursday, 15 March 2018, 5:30-7:30pm: Family Reading Night at Oracle Mountain Vista School**

ODSC will have an information table and a telescope. The Saddlebrooke SkyGazers Club was invited to provide telescopes by its members.

**Sunday, 18 March 2018, 5-8pm: Astronomy Art Show Closing at Triangle-L Ranch, Oracle**

Artist Catherine Nash will talk about 6pm. Weasner will have a telescope. The Saddlebrooke SkyGazers Club was invited to provide telescopes by its members.

**Saturday, 24 March 2018, 6-9pm: Talk and Star Party at Oracle State Park**

Dr. John Barentine of the International Dark-Sky Association, returns to offer a program beginning at 6pm. "Under Ancient Skies: The Archaeo-astronomy of the Desert Southwest". ODSC will have a table 5-6pm. There will be a star party 1900-2100.

TAAA will provide telescopes. The Saddlebrooke SkyGazers Club was also invited to provide telescopes by its members.

**Saturday, 31 March 2018, 5-7pm: Blue Moon Trail Music Event at Oracle State Park**

There will be rising Full Moon viewing through telescopes from the ranch house by 7:00pm just after sunset. The Saddlebrooke SkyGazers Club was invited to provide telescopes by its members.

**Saturday, 21 April 2018: REI Star Party at Oracle State Park**

A REI event will be held at the Park 20-22 April. It will involve camping and runs. A star party for the guests will be on the evening of Saturday, 21 April. The Saddlebrooke SkyGazers Club was invited to provide telescopes by its members.

**Other business:**

Weasner is still planning to conduct telescope training at the Park. He apologized for having delayed it. He will schedule it for an upcoming warm day.

Park Manager Micallef discussed the proposed state budget of \$4 Million for improvements at Oracle State Park. The improvements will be used to restore historic cabins, develop new trails, put in new campsites, and build a new dark sky viewing area. The budget will hopefully be approved in May 2018.

Micallef noted he is finalizing the Campground Rules for Night Lighting.

Micallef is also working grant funding for "trails geology".

Vasquez reported she will be having an Art Show, 6-7 April 2018, 9am to 5pm each day. She will be displaying her art at her Hair County business, 399 E American Ave, Oracle.

Parfet presented a "Leadership Prize" to Weasner for his ongoing work with the ODSC and OSP.

**Next Meeting:**

7 June 2018, 4:00pm MST, at Oracle State Park, Kannally Ranch House

Meeting adjourned at 5:09pm MST.

Signed,

Mike Weasner, Chair

ODSC Income & Expenses

| 2018 ODSC Income   |                                    |             |          |                         |                 |                      |                   |                    |                       |        |
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| Date               | Item                               | Description | Amount   | Donations & Fundraising | Sales           | Outreach & Education | Events & Projects | FOSP Donations     | ODSC Grants           |        |
| 02/18/18           | OSP Star Party                     |             | \$16.00  |                         |                 | \$16.00              |                   |                    |                       |        |
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| 2018 ODSC Expenses |                                    |             |          |                         |                 |                      |                   |                    |                       |        |
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| <b>2018</b>        | <b>ODSC Net Balance</b>            |             | \$704.18 | Funds retained by FOSP  |                 |                      |                   |                    |                       |        |
|                    | * pending reimbursement to Weasner |             |          |                         |                 |                      |                   |                    |                       |        |