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Attendees from unofficial 6 July meeting at Saddlebrooke Ranch: Randy & Richard Brosnahan ([randykb@gmail.com](mailto:randykb@gmail.com)); Tim Lawler ([timlawler12@att.net](mailto:timlawler12@att.net)); Dana & Elliott Spokane ([danashrink@aol.com](mailto:danashrink@aol.com)). Thanks to Chip Parfet for running this unofficial meeting.

Julie Formo volunteered to be the recorder whenever she is able to attend meetings. She took notes for this meeting. Thanks Julie.

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

**Treasurer Report:** Acting Treasurer Mike Weasner gave the treasurer's report. Donations = Totaled \$41 since the previous meeting. Expenses = \$17 (50 No LP pins). Weasner has been reimbursed. The Current balance for ODSC is \$635.18. (See spreadsheet attached.)

ODSC T-shirts to sell was discussed. Local artist and ODSC member MaryHelen Vasquez and Weasner worked on a preliminary design which was presented to the Committee at this meeting. The Committee members who were attendance all liked both designs presented, including the "children's version", which was painted by the young granddaughter of Vasquez. Both shirts should be available in all sizes. Weasner will contact the Oracle Zipline, who has T-shirt printing capability. Perhaps they would be willing to assist with the printing.

**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.

**Discussion:**

- There was a lot of discussion about ways to draw people to the ODSC information table at events. Weasner will ask the Friends of Oracle State Park about raffling off some of its donated telescopes at their next meeting (12 September 2017).

**Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday, September 23: Talk and Star Party at Oracle State Park**

Details to be announced. TAAA will provide telescopes. The Saddlebrooke SkyGazers Club is also invited to provide telescopes by its members.

**Saturday, October 14: Friends of Oracle State Park Membership Event and Star Party**

Details to be announced.

**Other business:**

IDA has donated 20 more amber LED lights to Oracle State Park. Thanks IDA.

**Past Events:**

**Full Moon Hike, Oracle State Park, 8 July**

Although clouds threatened the views, several hikers were able to view the rising Full Moon and later the planets Jupiter and Saturn through a telescope provided by Weasner.

**South Korean Dark Skies Delegation Visit, Oracle State Park, 21 July**

Five members of a Dark Skies Delegation from South Korea once again visited Oracle State Park. This was a followup meeting to the first one held at the Park in January 2015, which resulted in Yeongyang Firefly Eco Park in South Korea becoming an IDSP later in 2015. This meeting was also a success and demonstrated the international reach of being an "International Dark Sky Park".

Weasner met with some officials of the Phoenix Astronomical Society in Phoenix in July. They are interested in supporting events at Oracle State Park. Weasner also showed an article in the Arizona State Tourism magazine that discussed dark skies in Arizona and specifically mentioned Oracle State Park. This magazine was handed out to some 600 participants at a science and science fiction convention held in Phoenix in July.

Weasner is still planning to conduct telescope training at the Park, possibly in October.

Park Ranger Micallef discussed visiting an observatory at Phoenix College. He hopes to learn more about a possible donation to the Park. An observatory at Oracle State Park would bring additional visitors to the Park. Also there could be grants available to establish an observatory at the Park. Micallef also discussed the upcoming primitive camping area at the Park.

**Next Meeting:**

Saddlebrooke, MountainView Country Club, Cactus Room (38759 S. Mountain View Boulevard)

Signed,

Mike Weasner, Chair

