



Oracle Dark Skies Committee Meeting

11/2/2017

Next Meeting- 3/1/2018 at 4:00 PM
at Oracle State Park

NEWS UPDATES

Community Updates

November Meeting

Attendees:

Mike Weasner (520-289-3402, mweasner@mac.com); Chip Parfet (303-257-9475, cparfet@gmail.com); Vince Micallef (520-896-2425, vmicallef@azstateparks.gov); Julie Formo (520-204-7104, jformo@osd2.org); Araceli Curry- San Manuel High School student; Tim Lawler (408-823-5439, timlawler12@att.net); Don Holder (219-688-9616, astro1z@yahoo.com); Richard Spitzer (520-825-3116, rspitzer@wbhsi.net)

Treasury Report

Acting treasurer, Michael Weasner, gave the treasury report (see attached).

Balance- \$688.18

Donations- Total of \$48.00 donated since the last meeting.

Expenses- None

T-shirt Fund Raiser News

Discussion was held regarding the color of the t-shirts. Colors nominated were black, khaki, and teal. Black might be used for colder seasons with long sleeves.

The t-shirt will be printed with the date of the Oracle State Park "International

Dark Skies Park" award and as the first state park in Arizona with this designation. Parfet and Weasner will design shirt using paintings from MaryHelen Vasquez.

Community Actions

- According to MaryHelen Vasquez, there hasn't been any news from the Arizona Water Company concerning the light pollution near her home. The light is owned by the San Carlos Irrigation Project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- On October 24th, Mr. Weasner presented at the Oro Valley Senior Center on the topic of light pollution and his experiences during the August total solar eclipse. As part of the eclipse presentation, he showed two videos from Dr. John Barentine. He also made a public safety announcement concerning dehydration.
- Mr. Weasner attended the celebration of the designation of Kartchner Caverns State Park as the second state park in Arizona designated as an IDA "International Dark Sky Park".

Oracle State Park update

Campers camped at the park during the Arizona Zipline Adventures Trail Run event. New campsites-10. Oracle State Park will be taking care of the annual report starting next year, with assistance from the ODSC.

Saddlebrooke Ranch Star Party

Date- 12/15/2017
Time: 6:30-8:30 PM
Location: End of Robson Circle Rd.

Please be in the gate no later than 6:30PM. There will be an ODSC table manned by Weasner and Parfet.

Oracle State Park Star Party

Date-3/24/2018
John Barentine, program manager at the International Dark-Sky Association and author of two books on the history of astronomy, *The Lost Constellations* and *Uncharted Constellations*, will be the guest speaker presenting on the topic of astro petroglyphs.

Telescope Raffle

Future fund-raising opportunity using telescopes donated to the Friends of Oracle State Park.



The Friends of Oracle State Park is researching the legalities of this and should report at their December 2017 meeting.

ODSC Meetings in 2018

It was decided to meet four times in 2018 on the 1st Thursday of March, June, September, and December. The meeting time was changed to 4PM. All meetings will be at Oracle State Park.

