

## Arunah Hill NSC Annual Meeting 5/11/02

Present: Mike Ostrander, Jim Downing, Steve Pielock, Kendra Edmond, Pete Scherff, John Davis, Dave Bowman, Dan Carnevale, Ray Burk, Bruce Blanchard, Joe Zuraw, John Sillason

Meeting called to order 12:15 by President Steve Pielock

1. Election of Officers: Dave Bowman withdraws his nomination to Executive Board. Dan Carnevale is nominated to the Executive Board. Official Election Nominees are:

President:	Steve Pielock
Vice President:	Joe Zuraw
Treasurer:	Peter Scherff
Secretary:	Ray Burk
Executive Board:	Bruce Blanchard
	Dan Carnevale
	John Davis
	Jim Downing
	Bob Osgood

A motion was made and seconded that since all candidates were running unopposed, the Secretary cast one ballot for the entire slate. This was done, and the election was therefore official.

2. Arunah Hill Days: Bruce Blanchard told us that the Boy Scouts cannot do the cooking for this years' Arunah Hill Days, as they have a prior commitment. Bruce will provide us with a shopping list, and help with the roast beef cooking for the Saturday meal, but other than that, we will have to do our own cooking on a volunteer basis or arrange for a caterer.

3. President Pielock once again asked the officers to provide a job description for each of their jobs.

4. Gaertner Telescope Damage. The handle for the clock drive was found to be sheared off and is now inoperable. The telescope was found broken and unlocked, and no one has come forward with any information. The telescope will be repaired, and the lock changed. Anyone who wants a new key on a restricted basis will have to be retrained on its use. The building rails will need to be repaired as well, but this was not part of the vandalism.

5. Fund raising. We have received \$4000 from the Community Foundation of Western Mass, and a \$10,000 grant from the Educational Projects Foundation of New York. Both grants are earmarked for the lower area electrification project.

6. AH days Parking. Joe Zuraw will put together a proposal to discourage overnight parking at the hilltop on AH Days. A cost will be involved, but this seems the best way to avoid the white light and folks leaving during observing time issues.

7. The Springfield Science Museum 20" telescope may become available in the future for a dark sky location, but the Springfield Museum would require a land donation and the land would remain under the Museum control. This was discussed and found to be not acceptable, but a land lease proposal might be worked out. RDB to follow up.

8. Treasurers' report read and accepted. Pete Scherff to provide detail sheet to Dan for web.

9. Telescope Restoration Building (TRB). This is slated to be built at the bottom of the hill adjacent to the original parking lot.

Electrical work: We would need two poles and trenching

Structural: Joe Zuraw mentioned that he would go with two engineered beams (paralams) rather than timber frame the first floor due to time considerations. This would result in 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> with no posts inside.

10. Pavilion Concrete floor. This will be done using rainwater from the pavilion gutters (to be installed) and volunteer labor.

11. Culvert Damage. The concrete culvert crossing the stream at the base of the hill needs repair. The plastic culvert second from the hill top also needs repair or replacement. The next work party will be devoted to both culvert work and roof gutter work if sufficient folks are available.

12. John Davis mentioned that the Astronomical Society of Greater Hartford (ASGH) has two roll off roof rails available (12 foot length). John to contact ASGH and get confirmed dimensions and advise.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Burk  
Secretary, AHNCS