

ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE 2012 BUSINESS MEETING minutes

ALCON 2012

Chicago, Lincolnshire, IL

Saturday, July 8

Cal to Order 9:00 AM

AL President Carroll Iorg opened the meeting and welcomed members present.

He then proceeded to announce the proposal by the Atlanta GA club to host ALCON 2013. They were offering to host the convention at the Marriott Courtyard – Decatur 5m min from the Fernbank Science Center and Emory University.

President Iorg introduced the officers of the League present with a special tribute to John Goss for rescuing the convention as well as Joanne Hailey for her many years of service to the League.

Also he announced the re-election of Joanne Hailey to the trust fund, the election of Tom Lynch as League Treasurer and re-election of John Goss Vice President and Himself President.

Carroll announced the selection of Observing Programs that were approved by the council for this year. They are the

Carroll introduced Joanne Hailey for the presentation of the Profit & Loss statement for the present year and the budget for next year. Joanne was most pleased to announce that we had shown a net profit for the year.

Ken Poushedly, poshedly@bellsouth.net addressed the meeting with the Atlanta Club's presentation for hosting the ALCON 2013 convention next year. Ken gave his background and explained that there had been a death in the club affecting the proposal that had necessitated a work around. His club annually hosts the Peach State Star Gaze which is a money maker, where in the past has had Ruukl speak. People asked questions about the weather and specifically the temperature in Atlanta this time of year. The response was that light pollution was not like up north.

They were also looking to combine the talks so that the ALPO group would not be separate from the AL talks. There was some more general discussion that followed.

Carroll took a poll on members liking to start the convention on a Wednesday as this year and the council meeting on Tuesday. Hands favored starting on Wednesday however the members in the audience did suggest that the more important speakers be later in the week on Thursday – Saturday.

Also being considered for the convention were the Fernbank Science Center, the Jim Cherry Planetarium and the possibility of using the AAC observatory as a trip. Accommodations at the Marriott Courtyard. Atlanta Decatur Downtown/Emory was estimated at \$119.

Carroll concluded the business meeting at 9:56AM