



Solar Guild

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 6th, 2016

Type of meeting: Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Patrick Murray, Solar Guild Board Member

Invitees: Current Solar Guild Members

- I. **Call to order** – Patrick Murray called to order the Board Meeting of the Solar Guild at 6:40 PM on December 6th, 2016 at City Council Ward VI Offices.
- II. **Roll Call** - The following persons were present:

Pat Murray -	patmurraysolar@gmail.com
Patrick Cobb -	patcaribou@yahoo.com
John Hiserman -	yojimbo9000@yahoo.com
Chuck Wacker -	cwacker@mail.pima.edu
Jose Arizpe -	arizpe.jose@gmail.com
Brian Smith -	azsolarsmith@gmail.com
- III. **The (previous) Meeting Minutes were approved by all in attendance.**
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** No new updates from our treasurer at this time. Jack Langley was not present at this meeting but had emailed Pat a summery.
- V. **Project Updates & Recaps:**
 1. **Biosphere 2 Solar Array – Repairs & Upgrades Project:** Brian was not present at this meeting so there was no new information. Last we heard John Adams talked about the agricultural are test. They will be going north with the new structures and taking away a couple of rows from the PV system. We need to get Brian and John Adams together to discuss a game plan. Nothing is planned before the holidays. We may be able to get George V. to help lead a project if Brian is not available. Will be nice to do any work before it gets to hot again, January through March would be perfect.
 2. **PV Trailer Project:** Since this meeting, Patrick C. announced that George V. had donated 4x panels for the trailer. Rob had previously donated the trailer, this leaves the batteries, charge controller, inverter, etc. left to work on.
 3. **Catalina State Park Timer Replacements:** Bruce Joseph was gracious enough to head out and install all new timers, as well as the one defective LED light fixture. A big thanks goes out to Bruce!
- VI. **Event Updates & Recaps:**
 1. **Gregory School Spotlight on Science Thursday, March 9, 2017:** This event is scheduled for Thursday, March 9th 2017. Pat was contacted by the event organizer and they requested our attendance. We will bring solar ovens, 1-2 standalone systems and run whatever we can off of batteries for

demoing solar power. For more information please visit this link:
<https://www.gregoryschool.org/events/item/307-spotlight-on-science>

- 2. PCC TRIO Upward Bound Event:** This event is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th, 2017. The Solar Guild will be present with our displays. Hopefully we will have our solar trailer ready for this event. For more information please visit: <https://www.pima.edu/community/programs-teens/upward-bound.html>

VII. **Topics for General Discussion:**

- 1. PCC West Campus:** Solar City is installing a large system at PCC West Campus. They are running a paid internships program during the project. If anyone is interested please send an email to luke.alm@solonamerica.com for more information.
- 2. Arizona Corporation Commission Annual Report:** The report is due in February 2017. Pat Murray will take care of it this time. It was noted we need to add John H. back on as secretary.
- 3. Groupspaces, Whois, Green Chamber renewals:** Groupspaces is under Pat's name and is \$9/month. Our domain name registrar "Whois" is good until 2018. The Green chamber charges a fee to become a member, it may be worth the S.G. paying this fee and joining.
- 4. Solar Guild Holiday Party:** This year the Party will be held at Rob's house, 1801 S. Kevin Dr., Tucson AZ 85748. 4-5PM to ?. This party is a potluck so please bring a dish to share.
- 5. Mid-January Solar Mixer:** Per Pat this event may be held at The Hop Shop. It's "just a party", not a board or general meeting. More information to follow.
- 6. Compilation of Southern Arizona Solar Related and Solar Friendly Companies:** Pat would like to get an excel sheet together listing: company names, phone numbers, emails, contact names, and an area for notating recent contact info. This will be used to aide in contacting companies for donations. It was discussed setting this up on google docs so the document can be accessed "in the cloud". Pat & Jose will collaborate and start this project, others can add to it once it's started.
- 7. Jose Arizpe Added as Our Newest Board Member:** pat asked Jose if he would consider joining the Solar Guild Board. Jose accepted and there was a unanimous vote to approve adding him – Welcome to the Solar Guild, Jose!
- 8. Solar Guild Library:** Pat discussed the possibility of creating a Solar Guild Library, whereas folks could donate or loan their solar related materials to the Solar Guild for others to check out or borrow. Any books and magazines could be shared between members. It was also discussed we can add to our "links" page on the website a list of books or reading material as a way to help the general public.
- 9. Website Updates:** Pat collected some information sent by email regarding donation buttons vs. for sale buttons using Paypal. There was a general discussion regarding adding merchandise to the website as a way to raise

additional funding. Pat added that if we started "selling" merchandise, we would have to file a tax return. Chuck mentioned we do not say "for sale" but rather "donate this level and receive a "widget", which seems easier to do. Many in attendance questioned the amount of time and energy it will take to raise donations in this matter. We will discuss at a later date, and not do anything at this time.

10. SIDE NOTES: Chuck mentioned he would be working on the trailer soon, Pat asked we add to the notes as a reminder to add to next agenda. John agreed to take on designing a new Solar Guild Flyer, will distribute once completed. At the meeting Chuck gave John the table he purchased and donated to the solar Guild – Thanks Chuck!

VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Agenda provided by: Patrick Murray

Minutes submitted by: John Hiserman

Minutes approved by: