

# Northern Colorado Astronomical Society Meeting Minutes 12/4/25



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## **Agenda**

### Reports:

Treasurer - Charlie Davis  
New Members - Greg Marino  
Outreach - Greg Halac

2026 Budget and Dues Proposal – Greg Marino

Opening Nominations – 2026 Officers

Announcements –

Tonight's Program – Fulldome Show “Experience the Aurora”

## **Attendance**

40 in person, 7 online, total 47

## **Treasurer's Report**

*Balance 11/5/25*

\$ 570.42	Checking
\$ 2,122.29	CD
\$ 934.68	PayPal
\$ 100.00	Unsold Shirts
\$ 3,728.09	<i>Total</i>

## **Major Expenses**

PayPal fees  
Meeting refreshments

## **Income**

New memberships  
Member renewals

## **Welcome New Members!**

We are thrilled that our club is continuing to grow! We now have 170 members!

New members in November:

- Ross Cunniff
- James Hein
- Olivia Jones

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## Balance Sheet

2025 Northern Astronomical Society Budget - December 2025					
Income		2025 Budget		2025 Actual	
	Each	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Paid Memberships	\$ 25.00	130	\$ 3,250.00	169	\$ 4,225.00
Donations			\$ 502.00		\$ 270.00
T-Shirts				99	\$ 1,980.00
T-Shirts in inventory @ \$20/shirt				5	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Income</b>			\$ 3,752.00		\$ 6,575.00
Expenses		Due	Each	2025 Budget	
				No.	Amount
FoCo Museum of Discovery donation		Feb		\$ 600.00	Y \$ 600.00
Insurance		Jan		\$ 315.00	Y \$ 315.00
Member Meetings and refreshments				\$ 480.00	\$ 529.14
DarkSky International membership		Jan		\$ 100.00	Y \$ 100.00
State of Colorado filing fee		Jun		\$ 10.00	Y \$ 25.00
Astronomical League dues (per member)		Jun	\$ 6.00	130 \$ 780.00	Y \$ 960.00
PayPal fees (from memberships and misc.)				100 \$ 136.00	\$ 289.96
Outreach & Educational Supplies				\$ 820.00	\$ 422.39
Astronomy Day Expenses					\$ 2,304.22
Marketing & Print Material					\$ 824.89
Miscellaneous					\$ 11.58
Website Hosting					\$ 356.36
T-Shirts					\$ 1,668.22
<b>Total Expenses</b>				<b>\$ 3,741.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,406.76</b>
<b>Net</b>				<b>\$ 11.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,831.76)</b>

## Outreach Report - Greg Halac

### COMPLETED EVENTS

Date	Start	Site	Event	Duration	Guests	Scopes	Notes
11/5/25	18:00	McGraw ES		1	59	3	20% clr; Moon, Saturn
11/7/25	19:00	FRCC Observatory		2	52	2	
11/8/25	18:00	Big Thompson ES		2	61	6	Clear
11/15/25	18:30	LCP Horsetooth Mtn		2.5	41	6	40% clr
11/19/25	18:00	Greeley Arroyos del Sol		1	44	6	60% clr; New Site
11/22/25	18:00	LCP Horsetooth Mtn	Members	2.5	9	7	Clear
11/29/25	19:00	FCNA Fossil Creek Res		1.5	38	3	Validate 20F limit

### CANCELED EVENTS

Date	Start	Site	Duration
11/10/25	19:00	Poudre Learning Ctr	Clouds
12/2/25	18:00	Compass Comm. HS	Clouds

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## NEXT MONTH EVENTS

Date	Start	Site	Event	Duration
12/5/25	19:00	FRCC Observatory		2
12/6/25	12:00	Lvld Library	Solar	2
12/13/25	18:30	LCP Horsetooth Mtn		2
12/19/25	19:00	FCNA Fossil Creek Res		2

## 2026 Budget Proposal

Income	Number	Amount	Dues \$25	Dues \$30	Notes
Memberships	170		\$4,250.00	\$5,100.00	
Donations			\$250.00	\$250.00	Varies 150 - 700/year
Equipment Sales					
Total Income			\$4,500.00	\$5,350.00	

Expenses	Number	Cost			Notes
Museum Donation	1	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	Increase from \$600
Insurance	1	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	Assume \$15 increasee
IDA Donation	1	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	No change
State of Colorado Fee	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
AL Dues	170	\$6.00	\$1,030.00	\$1,030.00	\$6 per member + \$10
PayPal Fees	160	1.36	\$217.60	\$217.60	
Member Meetings	12	\$40.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	Refreshments, water, nametags, napkins,
Printing	Multiple	Varies	\$800.00	\$800.00	Rack Schedule Cards, Bus Cards, Etc
					Misc, educational supplies, stickers, buttons, etc.
Outreach Supplies	12	\$50.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Scope Loan Program	Multiple	Varies	\$200.00	\$200.00	Maintenance Costs
Special Events	2	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	Assume 2 small events
Total Expenses			\$4,832.60	\$4,832.60	
Net			<b>-\$332.60</b>	<b>\$517.40</b>	

Dues	Break Even	
\$25.00	189	members
\$30.00	150	members

We need to take 2 votes tonight.

- Verify a quorum – minimum 34 members in good standing
  - Please only vote if you are a paying member
  - Those online can vote by raising a hand on Zoom to be counted by Scott.
- Vote on Dues Increase – from \$25/year to \$30/year  
(Requires 2/3 majority vote)
  - Approve proposed 2026 budget  
(Requires a simple majority)

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## Nominations – 2026 Officers

*All Officer terms are one year, with a limit of two consecutive terms.*

- Our Secretary, Rob Sireno, has served two consecutive years, so we need a new Secretary.
- Our VP, Carla Johns, has indicated she is too busy and cannot serve in 2026. So, we need a new VP.
- Our President, Greg Marino is eligible and willing to serve a second term next year.
- Our Treasurer, Charlie Davis is eligible and willing to serve a second term next year.

*You must be a member in good standing to nominate, second or be nominated for an Officer position.*

*There will be one more call for nominations and then voting at the January meeting.*

Confirmed 43 qualified voters (34 votes required for quorum)

Dues increase to \$30 was voted and approved 39 for, zero against.

2024 budget proposal approved 40 for, zero against.

### Nominations:

President: Greg Marino (incumbent)

VP: Greg Halac (unless another qualified candidate found)

Treasurer: Charlie Davis (incumbent)

Secretary: Julie Stumph, Kathy Lowry

### Announcements

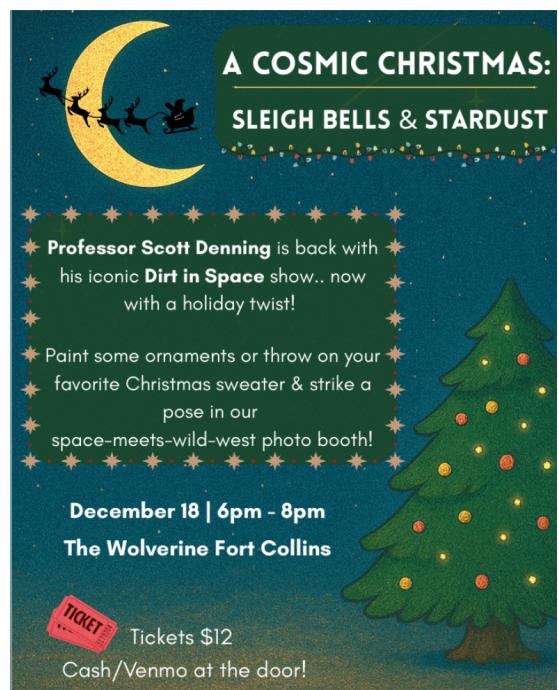
The Cosmic Cowboys will be holding a Cosmic Christmas event with Professor Scott Denning

- December 18, 6PM
- Wolverine, Fort Collins

### DarkSky Colorado Fund Raiser

This is our local chapter of DarkSky International – formerly the IDA.

- Fundraising through Colorado Gives - gifts up to \$100 will be matched.
- They appreciate any donation amount.



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## Tonight's Program

