

**KAA MONTHLY MEETING  
Minutes**

**April 13, 2018**

**Location:** KSC

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Present:** Julie Farhm, Bruce Norlund, Susan Rolke, bob Taylor

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: April: \$1,919.00- March: \$1,919.00.

**Upcoming Events:**

- *Stay tuned for* possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob, Carol or Gabe.
- April observing Saturday the 14th at 7:00pm at Sullivan, Cancelled
- NEAF Convention, Rockland, New York - April 21st & 22nd
- The Keene Public Library Astronomy Lecture series' remaining schedule:
  - Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30pm - *POV Film Screening and Discussion: Bill Nye, the Science Guy Combating Anti-Scientific Thinking (2 hours)*
  - Tuesday, April 24th at 7pm - *Touching the Stars* with April Jubett
  - Tuesday, May 8th at 7pm - *Mapping the Heavens* with Priyamvada Natarajan
- KAA annual spring dinner at Papagallos has been set for Saturday May 12th at 6pm.
- Clubs next monthly observing is *tentatively* scheduled for May 19th at 8pm at the Dublin Perkin Observatory, weather permitting.
- Our next club meeting is rescheduled for May 25th at 7pm the Sullivan Observatory, with observing afterwards.

## Old Business:

- Sullivan light pollution update: Junie and Bob attend the Sullivan town meeting April 4th at 7pm. Bob presented before the 6 Planning Board Members the three lighting articles he submitted to Leslie Casey prior to the meeting. I read the lighting Statement of Purpose, The Chester,VT Outdoor lighting regulations, Hazards of LED's and presented pictures of the recommended type of outdoor lighting fixtures. Junie then talked about his lighting investigations of the Springfield prison for Stellafane and how they were able to have the prison implement dark sky standards. He also talked about his vision problems with blue light and needing to wear glasses coated to help prevent blue light from causing head aches and vision impairment.
- Update on yearly observatory inventory list submitted to the town of Sullivan. Was submitted to Sullivan.
- Reminder: The KPL has sponsored an online learning program at **universalclass.com**, which includes an Astronomy 101 free course.
- AL programs? Night Sky Networks? Other?
  - Awaiting results from Jim's write up to the Night Sky Network on KAA and its Library outreach and involvement. Winners will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card. **No update.**
  - Bob is continuing work on the AL Moon program. He has 35 more items to get out of 100.
- Observatory Work?
  - Vinyl Siding Update: Bruce and Bob met at Home depot April 9<sup>th</sup> and met with Bob Lemieux with HD and we went over the quantity of material required and the updated reduced cost for the siding. Bob then generated a revised vinyl siding quote which came at \$568,78.
- Siding installation date tentatively April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. A lot will depend on the weather and availability of work force.
- Please email Bob, Carol or Gabe if you have a presentation you would like to do or have a topic you would like us to present on the night sky, telescopes and etc. At this time we have no topic for the next meeting so we're open to suggestions.

## New Business:

- Carol to discuss the April constellation's mythology - Leo, Leo Minor, Sextans . **Postponed**
- Whats up for April Videos. **Postponed**
- Club viewing reports. **Unfortunately None do to weather.**