

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

August 18, 2017

**Location:** The Faux's House

**Present:** Robert Taylor, Carol Littleton, Jim Faux, Gabe Klueh

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: August: \$1,511.70 - July: \$1,509.67.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- *Stay tuned for possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob or Gabe.*
- Clubs observing at the Dublin observatory has been postponed until the fall.
- Jaffrey children's library has a 4 week after school astronomy program they would like us conduct, which Susan says she will do. Susan is to meet the library director and get the program details and let us know. Once we know the program details we can determine if any of us are available to assist Susan. - Potentially in January or February.
- Reminder: The 2017 total eclipse will occur on August 21st in the mid-afternoon. We will be planning activities in conjunction with the Keene library. *The partial solar eclipse seen from Keene will start at 1:27pm and peak at 2:44pm (at approx. 70%) and end at 3:57pm.*
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for September 22nd at 7pm at the Keene State College in the Young Student Center, with observing afterwards.
- Clubs monthly observing scheduled for September 23rd at 7pm at the Sullivan observatory.

#### **Old Business:**

- Moon Observing at Fitzwilliam Library was a success, occurred on Monday July 31st at 7:30pm
- Claudio's talk on the solar eclipse was a success, occurred at KPL on Thursday August 3rd, at 6pm
- Waiting on feedback from State of NH on resubmission of state paperwork.
- Work session at the observatory scheduled for August 19th was postponed to September. It will consist of mowing, and scraping/painting the east side.

#### **New Business:**

- Received an email from Dennis Bechis from Brookline NH looking for recommendations on dark sky locations and where to view Northern Lights - this occurred on the 16th when a large CME and

auroras were said to be visible in NH - informed him to go as North as he can get, preferably by the Canadian border.

- Received an email from Le Borofsky from East Dummerston Vt, who was interested in coming to an observing event and becoming a member. She also has an 8" dob telescope that Bob looked over and helped setup with her.
- Received an email from Wendy Collins from Brattleboro who was interested in becoming a member. Bob responded to her inviting her to the August meeting and observing to come check out the club before she joins.
- Received an email from Eric Bergman who lives outside of Boston and found our website while searching for a dark place in NH to view the Perseid Meteor Shower from. I informed him the moon could be an issue but to give it a try anyways, and that the December 13th Geminids would probably be a better show to prepare for.
- Received an email from Eric Poor a freelance journalist doing an article on the Sentinel's ELF Weekly about the eclipse. He was looking for recommendation on where to purchase eclipse glasses locally and was looking for a quote from KAA about why this eclipse is so significant. Gabe replied to him with some generic solar glasses info and a website of retailers, and a small quote.
- Carol works with Phil who is an amateur astronomer and is interested in attending an observing event.
- Jim added an article on the KAA website about Bob and his Constellation Hunter Award. Gabe submitted the article to the Keene Sentinel and it was presented on their website under the Awards section.
- Carol gave a great talk on the August constellation's mythology - Lyra (The Harp), Aquila (The Eagle), Cygnus (The Swan)
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for August" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: August 2017" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.
- NEFAF Festival at UNH, Durham, NH to start September 8th thru September 10th
- Astronomers Conjunction, Northfield, MA to start September 15th thru September 17th
- Acadia Night Sky Festival, Bar Harbor, ME to start September 21st thru September 24th