

KAA MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

January 20, 2017

Location: Jim and Phinie Faux's House

Present: Robert Taylor, Carol Littleton, Gabe Klueh, Bruce Norlund, Jim Faux, Phinie Faux

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: January: \$1694.17 - December: \$1674.17.

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 January Monthly Observing is January 28th at 7pm at the Sullivan observatory.
- Keene Public Library (KPL) Astronomy Lectures - February 9th & 16th at 7pm. More info to come.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for February 17th at 7pm at KSC, with observing at the Sullivan observatory afterwards.
- Clubs February Monthly Observing is February 18th at 7pm at the Sullivan observatory.
- Tentative date for observing at Dublin scheduled for April 15th.
- Fitzwilliam Library observing scheduled for May 6th 2017 at 7:30pm at Stacie's and Mikes.
- Pursuing club 60th anniversary picnic next summer - watch for email from Bob with details.
- 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.*

Old Business:

- Jim will be contacting Gail at KPL on the library astronomy month for a complete schedule of lectures.
- Bob was able to have a look at the KPL loaner telescope and found it was in fine condition.
- Gabe has been clearing snow at the observatory as necessary, roof/steps area. Mike has been plowing.
- Discussed the submission of the NH state paperwork to change principal address info from Jim to Gabe as it has not yet been updated with the state. It was decided to check back by the spring.

- For entering our 2017 club events, Jim has received some astronomy education handouts from the Night Sky Network.
- Bob spoke with Eric about our last visit to Dublin regarding observing and telescope operation. Eric indicated the atmospheric interference we observed that night when viewing lower objects in the sky was common and partially due to the mountain. There was also some computer patches that needed to be applied to help with seamless software tracking.
- Outreach/Viewing: Chad Sprague who was interested in attending the December 17th observation session that was cancelled would like to attend January's observing session with his 7 year old son who got a Orion Starblast 6i for Christmas.

New Business:

- Outreach/Viewing: Received an email from John and Diane O'Neill who live in Alstead. They are interested in attending the January observing session. John is from Australia and has some experience with telescopes. Diane has no experience with telescopes.
- Outreach/Viewing: Received an email from Sister Maria Rosaria who visited the Sullivan Observatory last year with her group. She is looking to schedule an observing session at Dublin in the coming weeks. I directed her to contact Eric to set something up.
- The 2017 KAA member list is attached. Please let Bob or Gabe know if there are any updates needed.
- Keep an eye out for an email from Bob with details on a talk from Claudio occurring Tuesday January 24th.