

KAA MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

July 14, 2017

Location: Sullivan Observatory

Present: Robert Taylor, Carol Littleton, Jim Faux, Phinie Faux

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: July: \$1,509.67 - June: \$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.
- 60th Anniversary Club Picnic took place at the Otter Brook Park Beach Saturday July 15th at the Alder shelter which is reserved from 9am-7pm with lunch from noon-3pm. There were 13 members and family in attendance, the food that everyone brought was delicious, it was great meeting and talking with everyone and the picnic ended with a fun Bocce game.
- Peggy's "Fresh Air Kids" observing Session Saturday July 15th - was Cancelled due to weather.
- 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. - Time TBD.
- Moon Observing at Fitzwilliam Library, Monday July 31st at 7:30pm. Rain date August 1st.
- Claudio will be doing a talk on the solar eclipse, requested by KPL on Thursday August 3rd, at 6pm at the KPL.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for August 18th at 7pm at the Sullivan observatory, with observing afterwards.
- Clubs monthly observing scheduled for August 19th at 9pm at the Sullivan observatory.
- 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:

- Gabe mowed the lawn at the observatory on at the July 8th work session.
- Waiting on feedback from State of NH on resubmission of state paperwork.

- Another observatory work session has been scheduled for either August 19th or 20th. This will consist of mowing the lawn and determining at the time if any tree trimming is needed. Also scraping and painting of the east side and some sections of the north side is required.

New Business:

- Congratulations to Bob on receiving his certificate and pin from the Astronomical League for completing their Constellation Hunter program! Go Bob!
- Carol gave a great talk on the July constellation's mythology - Draco, Hercules, Serpens Caput, Serpens Cauda
- Stellafane Convention in Springfield, VT to start July 20th thru July 23rd
- Maine Astronomy Retreat in Washington, ME to start July 23rd thru July 29th
- Adirondacks Astronomy Retreat in Lewis, NY to start July 26th thru July 30th