

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

June 23, 2017

**Location:** Sullivan Observatory

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: June: \$1,509.67 - May: \$1,646.67.

#### **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.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for July 14th at 7pm at the Sullivan observatory, with observing afterwards.
- Clubs July monthly observing scheduled for July 15th at 9pm at the Sullivan observatory.
- Peggy's Fresh Air Kids are scheduled to join us at our business meeting July 14th at the observatory for observing after the meeting, weather permitting.
- 60th Anniversary Club Picnic will take 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.
- 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.
- 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 June 10th work session.
- Waiting on feedback from State of NH on resubmission of state paperwork.
- Jim gave out 200 solar glasses, some to Susan, Julie, and Gail for the solar eclipse.
- Another observatory work session has been scheduled for either July 8th or 9th. This will consist of mowing the lawn and determining at the time if any tree trimming is needed.

## **New Business:**

- We received an email inquiry from Arin Mills in Washington, NH who has a 13 year old daughter starting the ninth grade in the fall and really interested in astronomy. They have a 2inch refractor that they were looking for some assistance in setting up and using, in addition to joining a club observing session.
- KAA Picnic Discussion (***info to be sent out only to those that have signed up to attend the picnic***):
  - Bob has compiled a list of items needed for the picnic, and who is responsible for bringing what, it was reviewed and distributed via email.
  - It is suggested KAA members bring lawn or board games to the picnic to play.
  - Discussed what to do if we have really bad weather. The picnic will proceed unless there is a major storm.
- Jim made some updates to the KAA website in numerous places. Added new articles on monthly viewing charts/videos and a section covering the up-coming August eclipse. Check it out!
- Bob completed the Astronomical League's Constellation Hunter Program, having worked through it over a 2 year span, he will be submitting it shortly. Congratulations Bob!
- Carol discussed the June constellation's mythology - Bootes (The Herdsman), Ursa Minor (The Little Dipper), and Corona Borealis (The Northern Crown)
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for June" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: June 2017" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.