

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

March 24, 2017

**Location:** KSC

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: March: \$1646.67 - February: \$1653.46.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- *Stay tuned for possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob or Gabe.*
- Observing with Julie's Monadnock H.S astronomy students tentative for Thursday March 30th, at 7pm at Otter Brook Dam.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for April 14th at 7pm at KSC, with observing at the Sullivan observatory afterwards.
- Clubs April monthly observing scheduled for April 15th at the Dublin observatory (tentative).
- Fitzwilliam Library observing scheduled for May 6th 2017 at 7:30pm at Stacie's and Mikes.
- 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.
- Claudio will be doing a talk on the solar eclipse, requested by KPL on 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:**

- The donation of \$25 to the Audubon society in Cheryl's memory was received.
- Two new Night Sky Network Education packets were received and given as handouts.

#### **New Business:**

- Welcome to our newest members John and Diane O'Neill of Alstead!
- It was discussed whether a smart photo telescope adapter would be something the club would benefit from purchasing. It was decided to discuss again next month.

- Annual Papagallos Dinner - date TBD, looking at a Saturday in April or May at 6pm.
- Gabe reached out to Glenn Chaple who writes for Astronomy Magazine after reading his March 2017 article mentioning his “Double Star Marathon Observing List”. The list contains over 100 double stars starting from 00 R.A. that can be observed theoretically over one night. See list attached.
- Glenn Chaple offered to come as a guest speaker to a club meeting as he lives in Townsend MA.
- Carol gave a talk on the March constellation’s mythology. It covered the - Cancer, Canis Minor, Lynx and Leo.
- We watched a short video on “Whats up for March” - highlighting observing targets of the month.
- Gabe gave a brief demonstration of his observing session from March 17 in near perfect skies which covered over a dozen objects including Venus, Jupiter, star clusters, nebula, and galaxies.
- Jim brought and discussed 2 books “2017 Guide of the Night Sky” and “The Great Atlas of the Stars” which is available at the KPL.

**After Meeting:**

- Bob brought his laser collimator. Jim brought his telescope for a minor collimating, and Gabe brought the club’s 4.5” loaner to check out its collimation, which was spot on.