

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

May 19, 2017

**Location:** Sullivan Observatory

**Present:** Robert Taylor, Carol Littleton, Gabe Klueh, Julie Farhm

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: May \$1,646.67 - April: \$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 June 23rd at 7pm at the Sullivan observatory, with observing afterwards.
- Clubs June monthly observing scheduled for June 24th 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.
- 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:**

- An observatory work session has been scheduled for either June 10th or 11th. This will consist of mowing the lawn and determining at the time if any tree trimming is needed.

#### **New Business:**

- Bob sent in Astronomical dues of \$40 and roster for reflector magazine.

- It was proposed and agreed upon to add the names of the founding club members to the website: Don Martin - President, Phil Atwood - Secretary, Bob Hebert, Jules Hebert, and Arthur Hickey.
- Bob & Gabe presented a Telescope Training Program at KPL on Saturday May 13. There were 6 attendees that got an overview of how to properly align and use the KPL's loaner telescope, in addition they received a handout Bob prepared that should allow them to utilize this knowledge at home and on other telescopes. It also included other astronomy resources.
- The state paperwork submitted to change the KAA business address from Jim to Gabe was returned due to a missing filing fee. We will be re-submitting the paperwork with the \$25 fee.
- Bob purchased and brought his Orion smart phone photo adapter to the meeting. We tried it out and got some pictures of Jupiter.
- Carol discussed the May constellation's mythology - Ursa Major (The Bear), Coma Berenices (Hair of Berenices) , Canes Venatici (Two Hunting Dogs)
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for May" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: May 2017" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.