

KAA MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

November 18, 2016

Location: Young Student Center at KSC

Present: Robert Taylor, Carol Littleton, Gabe Klueh, Cheryl Burrows, Bruce Norlund, Paul O'Neil, Rick Waugaman

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance. November 1: \$1,577.67 October: \$1,441.73. (Addition of. \$135.94)

Upcoming Events:

- *Stay tuned for possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob.*
- Club Observing November 19th at the Perkins Observatory in Dublin with Eric 5:30pm to 7:15pm and at Sullivan after 7:15pm for more observing.
- Look for an email November 26th or December 3rd for possible observing at the Sullivan observatory.
- Julie and her astronomy class are looking to have another observing session at Sullivan and is scheduled for Dec 1st at 5pm, with a rain date of Dec 8th at 5pm.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for December 9th at 7pm at Bruce Norlunds house at 267 Gilsum St. in Keene NH.
- Club December Monthly Observing scheduled for December 17th at the Sullivan observatory or Otter Brook Dam pending snow.
- Fitzwilliam Library observing scheduled for May 6th 2017 at 7:30pm at Stacie's and Mikes.
- Pursuing club picnic location next summer for clubs 60th anniversary. Date, time & location TBD.
- 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:

- Julie's astronomy class observing was held Friday Nov. 4th at 6:30pm at Sullivan observatory. We had a great observing event with students, their parents and KAA members. Bob counted 13 attendees. The skies were very clear and we studied the constellations, pointed out the summer triangle, the northern cross, Mars, Moon, some double stars, Andromeda galaxy, the Pleiades, Ring nebula, and the Hercules cluster and saw a few satellites and shooting stars.

- KSC Claudio's CALL class observing scheduled for Saturday Oct. 29th at 6pm at Sullivan was postponed due to weather. Claudio had an observing session at Sovera November 17th.
- Status of observatory maintenance - Brush removal complete. Tree trimming can wait till spring.
- Club website's annual server renewal of \$47 was paid by Jim Faux - good through November 2017.

New Business:

- Bob will be submitting last call for 2017 membership dues info.
- The tentative 2017 calendar has been generated and will be submitted by Gabe for your review of possible vacation date conflicts and etc. *Please submit date change request by Dec 5th. for final approval of calendar at the Dec 9th meeting.*
- Received email from Marcea Gustafson (Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Coordinator in the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District,) on student in Jaffrey area looking for astronomy tutor. Directed her to contact Eric at Dublin School and see if any astronomy student may want to pursue this.
- Received a call from Rick Waugaman who lives in Keene and has interest in the club. He attended the November 18th meeting and joined the club. He has a computerized 4 inch Mead telescope and would like to do some observing. Welcome Rick!
- If anyone is interested in hosting the January or February 2017 meetings please contact Bob.
- NH state paperwork is underway to update the principal office address and mailing address for the club from Jim Faux to Gabe Klueh.
- The new club eyepiece filter - Orion SkyGlow Broadband Filter has arrived.
- Cheryl has been in contact with Jack Megas from the Northfield Astronomers Conjunction which happens in September. He has offered to do a talk for the club in the Keene area and also offered to have the club members come and tour the planetarium in Springfield, MA. Stay tuned.
- The club semi-annual taxes were paid by Bob - \$31.
- Bob gave his talk on SuperNovas - copy to follow.