

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

October 13, 2017

**Location:** KSC

**Present:** Robert Taylor, Carol Littleton, Gabe Klueh, Susan Rolke, Paul O'Neil, Rick Waugaman

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: October: \$1,531.70 - September: \$1,531.70.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- *Stay tuned for* possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob or Gabe.
- International Moon event is scheduled with Keene Public Library (KPL) for Saturday October 28th at 6pm at the Ashuelot River Park. The club will provide an 8" and 4.5" telescope for the event possibly with moon filters, KPL to provide binoculars.
- Claudia Hart has requested KAA to do an observing session November 7th with weather backup dates of the 8th or 9th at the Glenbrook Camp in Marlborough, NH for her Waldorf school kids ages 13 to 14. Observing will take place at 7pm after their dinner. They plan to also observe at 3am to get 3/4 of the sky in one evening. She also indicated anyone from our club that is conducting observing can join them for dinner at 6pm. They also invited us to stay overnight and help with the 3am observing-just need to bring a sleeping bag.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for November 17th at 7pm at the Keene State College in the Young Student Center, with observing afterwards.
- Clubs monthly observing scheduled for November 18th at 7pm at the Sullivan observatory.
- Clubs observing at the Dublin observatory has been postponed until the fall. Tentatively looking at December 9th.
- The Geminids Meteor Shower expected to occur December 13th starting around 9pm.
- Jaffrey children's library has a 4 week after school astronomy program that Susan will be conducting for elementary thru high school students. Each 1-hour session will take place during the four Wednesday's from January 24th to February 14th starting at 3:30pm. She hopes to incorporate making a scaled down solar system, use of a spectroscope, use of a solar scope and other hands on activities.

#### **Old Business:**

- Waiting on feedback from State of NH on resubmission of state paperwork. We will be submitting the form NP-3 per the request of the state.

- Continued discussion about vinyl siding for the observatory. Looking to put up white vinyl siding on the 4 base walls around the next summer timeframe. The 2 peaks can be done later. Bob to donate half the cost of the siding which looks to be around \$600. Anyone with knowledge of installing vinyl siding, please contact Bob.
- Bob is continuing work on the AL Moon program.

### **New Business:**

- Election of 2017-2018 club officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. With unanimous votes, the club elected the officers for the 2017-18 club year: Treasurer – Bob Taylor, Secretary – Gabe Klueh, Vice-President – Carol Littleton, President – Bob Taylor.
- Susan gave a great talk about her experiences seeing the 2017 total solar eclipse in Riverton, Wyoming.
- As a reminder our new physical year starts November 1st and membership dues are due at that time.
- November business meeting - learn the basics of a tracker telescope and the pro's and con's of them from Bob and Carol and any anyone else familiar with this technology. We will demo Carol's 6" Celestron tracker telescope.
- Discussed the idea of picking topics of member interest to cover/present on at each business meeting next year.
- Carol gave a great talk on the October constellation's mythology - Aquarius, Cepheus, Lacerta, Pegasus
- CALL class is looking to have a joint observing session with KAA members in November.
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for October" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: October 2017" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.