

KAA MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

September 29, 2017

Location: KSC

Present: Robert Taylor, Gabe Klueh, Jim Faux, Phinie Faux

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: September: \$1,531.70 - August: \$1,511.70.

Upcoming Events:

- *Stay tuned for* possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob or Gabe.
- Clubs observing at the Dublin observatory has been postponed until the fall. Tentatively looking at late November or early December. (Possibly base this on what will be up in the sky around then.)
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for October 13th at 7pm at the Keene State College in the Young Student Center, with observing afterwards. Susan Rolke will be giving a talk on her trip to view the 2017 total solar eclipse.
- Clubs monthly observing scheduled for October 14th at 7pm at the Sullivan observatory.
- 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.
- 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.
- Jaffrey children's library has a 4 week after school astronomy program they would like us conduct, which Susan says she will do. Susan is to meet the library director and get the program details and let us know. Once we know the program details we can determine if any of us are available to assist Susan. - Dates are January 24th to February 14th.

Old Business:

- Eclipse event at the KPL was a huge success - 200-300 attendees!
- Waiting on feedback from State of NH on resubmission of state paperwork.
- Mike Brooks mowed the observatory lawn - thank you Mike!

- Bob finished scraping and painting of the east and north walls, and around the door. Also applied polyurethane to the handrail.
- It was discussed and the club is entertaining the idea of putting up white vinyl siding; in the next year or two. Anyone with knowledge of installing vinyl siding, please contact Bob.
- Bob has started working on the AL Moon program.

New Business:

- Welcome our newest member, Wendy Collins from Brattleboro!
- Discussed the upcoming officer elections taking place at the October's Business Meeting. Bob will send out an inquiry email asking if anyone is interested in volunteering for a position.
- As a reminder our new physical year starts November 1st and membership dues are due at that time. Bob will send out payment info in October.
- Jim and Phinie shared some pictures they took at the Main Astronomy Retreat.
- Discussed the club's lack of a FaceBook presence - it was determined there is no need for one at this time.
- It was decided that Bob will start forwarding SoVerA observing announcement emails to KAA members.
- CALL class is looking to have a joint observing session with KAA members in November.
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for September" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: September 2017" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.