

**KAA MONTHLY MEETING
Minutes**

April 26, 2019

Location: KSC

Present: Robert Taylor, Carol Littleton, Bruce Norlund, Jim Faux, Phinie Faux, David Hayward

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: April: \$1653.46 - March: \$1826.96.

Upcoming Events:

- Stay tuned for* possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob, Carol or Gabe.
- Annual spring dinner at Papagallos set for Saturday May 11th is now on hold due to Papagallos is totally booked that day. At this time we are looking into a possible another restaurant for the 11th or postponing it to the 18th.
- Our observing scheduled at Sullivan for April 27th was cancelled due to weather.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for May 24th at 7pm at Sullivan observatory, with observing at the Sullivan observatory afterwards.
- Our May Observing is scheduled for Saturday the 25th at 8pm at the Sullivan observatory.
- KAA will conduct a telescope training program at the Frost Free Library in Marlborough, NH May 14th at 6:30pm, with observing to follow, weather permitting. An observing session for the library in June/July will be determined at the training session.
- Tuesday June 25th at 1pm Junie will conduct at least two planetarium shows at the Keene Public Library Heberton Hall. Each show will take about one hour and accommodate 25 people each session. Turnout will dictate if additional shows will take place.
- KAA observing at Fitzwilliam concerts on the commons – Thursday July 11th and Thursday August 8th, both starting at 7 pm.
- The Fitzwilliam library is hosting a Galileo program on Wednesday, July 31, 10:30 am.

Old Business:

- KSC Binary Star Research Program presented by Dr. Steven Harfenist Department of Physics was really very interesting and informative. The students did a tremendous job and their work was published in the National Review. KAA's past president Keith Goodale was their teacher and coordinator of the entire project.

- Astronomical League programs? Night Sky Networks? Other?
- Bob has received the Astronomical League Lunar award Certificate and pin. Next month Jim will document the award by photographing the certificate and pin for our web site. Bob indicates if anyone is interested in doing the moon program or constellation program he is more than willing to give a helping hand getting started.
- Observatory work? Looking to finish vinyl siding on the 2 triangular gables.
- Continued discussion on portable KAA banner or signboard to display while hosting events. It was decided to go with a signboard rather than a banner. Jim, Bob and Bruce are to check with Staples on their sandwich board display signs and how to attach sign and waterproof it. We have also been looking at signboards advertised on Amazon that are waterproof. Carol and David will do the artwork for the sign. Everyone will submit what they feel should be included on the sign at the May meeting. We will also look into having similar business/post cards printed up to hand out once the display is finalized.
- Please email Bob, Carol or Gabe if you have a presentation you would like to do or have a topic you would like us to present on the night sky, telescopes and etc.

New Business:

- Submitted to the Astronomical League Jim Faux's name for consideration for the "2019 webmaster award". Jim has done such a spectacular job of designing and maintaining our terrific website we are all hoping he is selected for this honor. Jim and Phinie also donate yearly the cost of maintaining the website.
- Carol did a terrific presentation on the constellations – Leo, Leo Minor and Sextants. We all learned there is a spring triangle comprised of Arcturus, Regulus and spica.
- Eric Schmitt who is a member of SoVerA is now the Assistant Director of the Perkin observatory at Dublin School. Presently he is learning the operation of the observatory and doing the required maintenance on the observatory and telescope. Having Eric maintaining and operating the observatory will open it up to more public viewing and also to us.
- Eric has also found two solar telescopes at Dublin that when he has a chance to assemble them will invite us to do some sun viewing so that everyone interested can evaluate whether we want to proceed to purchase a solar telescope for the club or not. Eric is looking sometime this summer for checking the solar telescopes out.