

KAA MONTHLY MEETING
Minutes

December 7, 2018

Location: Bruce Norlund's

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Present: Bruce Norlund, Carol Littleton, Jim and Phinie Faux, David Hayward & Bob Taylor

Secretary's Report: October minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: December: \$1,541.72- October: \$1,541.72.

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.
- Observing for Julies astronomy students by December 21st.
- Dublin observing January 5th at 8pm with backup snow date January 12th with KAA, Sovera, CALL students and Julies astronomy class.
- Our next club business meeting is January 18th at 7pm at the Faux's.
- The Frost Library in Marlborough, NH would like KAA to do a telescope training and observing session this winter. Kristin Readel contacted me about these events.
- A total Lunar Eclipse on January 20th starting at 10:34pm with totality at 11:41pm.

Old Business:

- AL programs? Night Sky Networks? Other?
- Bob is continuing work on the AL Moon program. Has 10 more items to get out of 100.
- The work session for brush removal at the west wall, tree trimming on south side and final mowing, which Mike did, took place for October 13th. With Carol, Gabe, Bruce, David, Bruce and Bob providing the muscle to do the clearing.
- Bob on October 16th removed all the tree saplings on the south end dirt mound.
- The roof water leak in the south west corner and north west corner was corrected by putting roofing cement around nails that had come loose and lifted out of the rafters.

Business minutes, continued

- International Observe the Moon Night took place both on October 19th and 20th at 5:30pm at Ashuelot Park. The Keene Public Library in coordination with KAA advertised the event. Both nights only allowed 45 minutes of viewing due to cloudy conditions, but about a dozen people attended and were thrilled to see the moon through a telescope for the first time. Next year we're looking to do the observing at the library.
- On November 14th Junie Esslinger conducted an observing session for the 6th grade class from the Waldorf School from Center City Long Island at Camp Glen Brook, Marlborough, NH. There were 25 people in attendance, 17 students, a couple of teachers and rest parents. The observing went very well and lasted for about 1 ½ hr before everyone was ready to get warm by the fireplace.
- 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. At this time we have no topic for the next meeting so we're open to suggestions.

New Business:

- Annual Dues now due.
- Carol discussed the December constellation's – Aries, Perseus and Triangulum
- Carol conducted the What's up for December Videos
- Club viewing reports: Moon viewing by Bob produced finding 25 more moon objects on moon program over the last couple of months.
- Barbara Smith is looking to possibly sell her Meade 5" GO To telescope model ETZ 125 EC with complete eyepiece kit which says may be 10+ years old. The current list price for the same model with eyepiece kit is \$699. She says it has only been used a few times and it is in its carrying case. She lives in Nashua, NH. Phone number 603-759-6920. I recommend if you are interested to do a through viewing with it before purchasing it, which may be difficult to do as I'm sure she does not know how to operate the controller if it's been a box for ten years. I would say a ballpark price for it would be around \$200.00. I gave her that price.
- The 2019 KAA business and observing calendar will be coming out within the next two weeks.
- Congratulations again to Gabe and Christina on their new baby twins.