

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

February 8, 2019

**Location:** KSC

**Time:** 7:00pm - 8:00pm

**Present:** Jim & Phinie Faux, David Hayward, Bruce Norlund, Gabe Klueh

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: February: \$1,806.17 - January: \$1,806.17.

#### **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.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for March 22nd at 7:00pm the Keene State College Young Student Center.
- Our next club monthly observing session is scheduled for March 23rd at 7pm the Sullivan Observatory or Otter Brook Dam, weather permitting.
- The Frost Library in Marlborough, NH would like KAA to do a telescope training in May and observing session in June/July. Kristen Readell contacted Bob about events.

#### **Old Business:**

- Lunar Eclipse surprised with clear viewing!
- Bob is continuing work on the AL Moon program. Has 2 more items to get out of 100!
- 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:**

- Received email from Charles Sylvia from Troy NH. Recently purchased Celestron NexStar 8SE. Interested in learning more about the club. Plans to attend a meeting.
- Briefly discussed Solar telescopes and article promoting a Daystar's 60mm 'Double Stack' Solar Scout Scope for \$695. Discussed looking at other comparable scopes and reviews, and if a solar scope would help in public/daytime outreach. We would like to test some out. We will discuss more next month.

- Jim highlighted a great resource for finding articles via the Keene Public Library website for those with a library card. Under their website's Resources>Online Tools section is a link to the EBSCOHost Database with searchable publications like Sky & Telescope.
- Jim discussed the "Speedy comet approaching Earth's vicinity " C-2018-Y1 (Iwamoto) - visible with binoculars and small telescopes, and just left of the star Regulus on Monday 2/11. <https://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/c-2018-y1-iwamoto-jan-feb-2019>
- Bruce brought up the idea of a KAA banner to display while hosting events at the library or parks. We will discuss more next month.
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for February 2019" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: February 2019" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.