

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

January 18, 2019

**Location:** Jim & Phinie Faux's

**Time:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm

**Present:** Bob Taylor, Carol Littleton, Gabe Klueh, Jim & Phinie Faux, David Hayward, Bruce Norlund

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: January: \$1,806.17 - December: \$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.
- 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.
- A total Lunar Eclipse on January 20th starting at 10:34pm with totality at 11:41pm.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for February 8th at 7:00pm the Keene State College Young Student Center.
- Our next club monthly observing session is scheduled for February 9th at 7pm the Sullivan Observatory or Otter Brook Dam, weather permitting.

#### **Old Business:**

- Had a very successful observing at Dublin January 12th, with 12 people in attendance from three organizations, KAA, SoVerA, and the KSC astronomy CALL class students.
- 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:**

- 2019 Member List coming soon in email.
- Received inquiry from Eric Stanley with Keene Sentinel on Super Blood Wolf Moon Eclipse. Bob reached out.

- Received inquiry from Susie Spikol at the Harris Center in Hancock NH looking for club members to come speak to after school club. Bob will reach out to offer joining an observing session as we don't have the bandwidth for this type of event.
- KAA is in the process of having a meeting with Gail at the library to see "how to proceed or not" with the astronomy lecture series this year due to the extended library construction work till June and how to fund the lectures given all the construction costs.
- Observing with Julie astronomy class on Jan 14th at Otter Brook was successful with 8 people and 5 targets.
- Carol presented on the January constellation's - Auriga (The Charioteer) with Capella as the brightest star and highlights M36, M37 & M38 all open star clusters, Gemini (The Twins) with brightest stars Castor and Pollux and highlight M35, and Monoceros (The Unicorn) one of the faintest constellations, with highlights The Rosette Nebula and The Christmas Tree Nebula.
- We watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: January 2019" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.