

KAA MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

January 17, 2020

Location: The Faux's

Time: 7:15pm - 8:15pm

Present: Jim and Phinie Faux, Carol Littleton, David Hayward, Edward Lotkowski and Jeanne Applegate, Phil Hitchcock, Mike Paulin, Gabe Klueh

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: January \$1,799.85 - December \$1,737.35.

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 scheduled at Otter Brook Dam for January 18th at 7:00pm, *cancelled*.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for February 14th at 7pm at the Keene State College Young Student Center.
- Our February observing is scheduled for Saturday the 15th at 7pm at the Sullivan Observatory or Otter Brook Dam, weather dependent.
- Dublin's Perkin Observatory every Sunday night - 1 hour after sunset until 10pm open public observing with Erik Schmitt.

Old Business:

- Observatory Work:
 - At this time Vinyl siding work is on hold.
- 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:

- KAA's NH – Non-profit incorporation tax of \$25.00 due by April 15, 2020 has been submitted.
- KAA 2020 Membership list in process of being updated, will be sent out when finalized.
- Philip gave a great talk on the little known America's Stonehenge in Salem, NH, more info can be found at <https://www.stonehengeusa.com/>. Also discussed his trip the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, SoVerA, and Dublin observing.

- Stonewall Farm would like to reschedule an observing session sometime in the spring time or summer depending on KAA availability.
- Carol gave a great talk on the January constellation's - Orion (the Hunter with highlights M42, M43 and the constellation is now known to harbor at least 7 stars with planets), Camelopardalis (the giraffe), and Taurus (the Bull with highlights M1 and the Pleiades)
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for January 2020" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: January 2020" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.