

KAA Monthly Business Meeting  
July 13, 2024

Location: Sullivan Observatory

Time: 7pm to 8:45pm

Present: Susan Rolke, Jeff Luebke, Steve Ringland and Bob Taylor.

Secretary's Report: June business meeting minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Upcoming events:**

- \* Our next business meeting will be August 9th at 7pm at the Sullivan observatory, with observing after the meeting, weather permitting.
- \* Susan and Bob to do a telescope training for the Keene Library staff July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.
- \* Susan and Bob to do a telescope training for the public at the Keene Library August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Possible moon observing after training depending on the weather and moon location.
- \* The International Moon observing September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ashuelot park at 6:30pm.
- \* The Fitzwilliam Library concert series is every Thursday starting June 27<sup>th</sup> and ending August 22<sup>nd</sup>. If KAA was to do a moon viewing at the concerts it would need to be August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

- \* Observatory work: At this time completing the observatory Vinyl siding of the north and south peaks is on hold, but looking to tackle it sometime this year.
- \* A 2" X 2" X 20' transition strip on the south side of the observatory is rotted and needs to be replaced or protected in some way to prevent further damage. The rubber flap tare on the north east side has been temporarily repaired but needs a permanent fix. A rotted 4"x4"x12" piece under the roof track at the north west corner needs to be shored up or replaced. There are two roof leaks on the east side that need to be repaired. There is also a new roof leak at the north west corner of the building, which has renewed carpenter ant activity producing considerable wood shavings.
- \* Junie Esslinger would like to have a club meeting and observing session at his home in Alstead, NH this coming fall. He has an observatory with a 10" telescope at his home and there is plenty of parking space for everyone. Observing at Junie's is now scheduled for late fall when the planets return to the evening sky.
- \* Susan has entered her name in a contest to hopefully be chosen to visit the huge telescope at 16,000 feet in chili. They are only take 9 people a year and only 5 get a free trip. The odds are challenging, but she says she's ready for the challenge. Susan has already signed up again for this years tour. Hopefully, with all the hard work she has done at libraries, schools, other organizations, being a mentor, generating a newsletter and giving a solar eclipse talk on WKBK 1290 would hopefully put her in the top running. **Susan indicated she should hear whether she has been chosen for the next trip or not in August or early September.**

## New Business:

- \* Susan has submitted the July newsletter, which is terrific with a lot of interesting astronomy topics discussed in detail, great pictures and much more, which all can be found on our website at “keeneastronomy.org”. **Susan is requesting everyone to send in any observing photo’s you have taken recently and/or an astronomy topic you found interesting or a topic you would like to know more about, please send them to her at “susanrbr@hotmail.com”**
- \* The Town has widen Tyler lane road especially at our driveway entrance, which has created a considerable high entrance into our driveway, which needs to be lowered to make the entrance easier especially for low chassis cars.
- \* Bob has replaced the cross hair finder scope on the Keene Library loaner telescope with the Orion EZ finder finder scope, which will be used for the training of the library staff and the public. Amy has received the Celestron moon map, but the status of the LL Bean bag is unknown at this time
- \* A work session was originally scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>, which didn’t happen and our next scheduled work session is October 19<sup>th</sup>. At our July meeting we needed to determine if a work session could be take place sooner than October. **A new work date was not determined, but it will be addressed at the August meeting.**
- \* Susan talked about her attending a conference in Boston on Science and went to a talk by Astrophysicist Jocelyn Bell Burnell. Susan will submit a summary of her talk.
- \* Bob did a talk on “What time is it on the Moon” An interesting concern with the race to the moon by many countries.