

KAA MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

July 19, 2019

Location: Sullivan Observatory

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

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

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: July: \$1,696.17- June \$1,696.17.

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.
- Observing scheduled at Sullivan Observatory for July 27th at 9pm, weather permitting.
- The Fitzwilliam library is hosting a Galileo program on Wednesday, July 31, 10:30 am.
- KAA will conduct an observing event at the Frost Free Library in Marlborough, NH Tuesday August 6th at 7pm, with a rain date of Wednesday August 7th at 7pm. A concert will take place on Tuesdays.
- KAA observing at Fitzwilliam concert on the commons - August 8th at 7pm, weather permitting.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for August 23rd at 7pm at Sullivan Observatory, with observing at the Sullivan observatory afterwards.
- Our August Observing is scheduled for Saturday the 24th at 9pm at the Sullivan Observatory.

Old Business:

- Thanks Junie for conducting two great planetarium shows at the Keene Library June 25th, which brought in 25 people for each show.
- Observatory Work:
 - Observatory work session scheduled for Saturday or Sunday August 17th or 18th at 9am.
 - Finish removing brush at west wall.
 - Looking to finish vinyl siding on the 2 triangular gables at the Sullivan Observatory. TBD
- Continued discussion on portable KAA signboard to display while hosting events. **It was decided to hold on purchasing the signboard from Staples until we have the art work complete and approved. The art work proposed will consist of our logo, website, telescope training and**

observing the universe and star parties, a night sky background with a few constellations visible. The signboard dimensions will be 2x3 feet and costs seems to be about \$154.00. A final design/purchase decision will take place at the August meeting.

- Submitted to the Astronomical League Jim Faux's name for consideration for the "2019 webmaster award". Jim has done such a spectacular job of designing and maintaining our terrific website we are all hoping he is selected for this honor. Jim and Phinie also donate yearly the cost of maintaining the website. **There has been no response from AL as yet.**
- 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:

- Eric Schmitt has completed his work on getting the Lunt solar telescope operational and would like to schedule a day to do this at Dublin. We may need to do two sessions- one during the week and the other on the weekend. Looking at August 10-31 dates.
- Briefly discussed the Apollo 11 anniversary, history and recent documentary.
- September - Talk will be on the "future world wide moon missions and the present legal space treaty" The next 5 yrs we'll see a lot of missions from a number of countries to the moon.
- October - Talk will discuss the "Van Allen Radiation Belt" and watch a video on this matter.
- Carol presented on the July constellation's - Draco (the Snake) with highlights Cats Eye Nebula and Spindle Galaxy, Hercules with star cluster highlights M13 and M92 , Serpens Caput, and Serpens Cauda (the Giant Snake) with highlights M5, M16 and the Eagle Eye Nebula where the Pillars of Creation were photographed by the Hubble
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for July 2019" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: July 2019" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.
- Conventions/Retreat Reminders:
 - 7/28-8/3 9am Maine Astronomy Retreat, Washington, ME
 - 8/1-8/4 8am Stellafane Convention, Springfield, VT