

## KAA Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2020

**Location:** Second Zoom meeting, hosted by Bob

**Time:** 7pm – 7:45pm

**Present:** Carol Littleton, Jeanne Applegate, Ed Lotowski and Bruce Norlund, Jim and Phinie Faux

**Secretary's Report:** June minutes accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: July \$1,800.35 – February \$1,800.35.

### **Upcoming events:**

\* The Keene Library is sponsoring a zoom meeting on “Space Junk” Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. As soon as I receive more details from Gail on the topic I’ll will pass it on to you.

### **Old Business:**

\* Observatory work: At this time completing the observatory Vinyl siding of the north and south peaks 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 a topic for the July meeting, but we are open to suggestions for the August meeting.

### **New Business:**

\* Welcome new member Joseph Tansey DC from Pepperell, MA.

\* Receiver and email last week from Gail from the Keene Library indicating the loaner telescope was broke and someone wanted to take it out. I was able to bring the telescope home reattach the eyepiece to the focuser and install the finder scope and realign the two of them and return it back to the KPL last Thursday,

\* We talked about how find and view the comet Neowise

\* The Perkin observatory 14” telescope at Dublin has been replaced with a new 20” telescope. Unfortunately, Erik determined after installation that the primary mirror is warped, which has been returned to the manufacturer for correction. So at this time the school telescope is out of commission for the students and for use remotely from Erik’s home for SoVerA and us.

\* Sometime this fall we'll need to have a work day to tackle the brush on the west and south walls.

\* It appears for the time being our business meetings will be conducted via zoom.

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\* Observing reports? No observing reports at the time of meeting. But I was able to see comet Neowise after the meeting about 10pm

\* Bob did a presentation on the Ritchey- Chretien revolutionary telescope optics discovery for commercial telescopes both ground and satellite based . The presentation was later sent to all members

\* Our next zoom business meeting is August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.