

KAA MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

June 21, 2019

Location: Sullivan Observatory

Present: Robert Taylor, Carol Littleton, David Hayward, Jim and Phinie Faux, Edward Lotkowski and Jeanne Applegate.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: June \$1,696.17 - May: \$1696.17 -.

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.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for July 19th at 7pm at Sullivan observatory, with observing at the Sullivan observatory afterwards.
- Our July Observing is scheduled for Saturday the 20th at 9pm at the Sullivan observatory.
- Tuesday June 25th at 1pm Junie will conduct at least two planetarium shows at the Keene Public Library Heberton Hall. Each show will take about one hour and accommodate 25 people each session. Turnout will dictate if additional shows will take place.
- KAA will conduct an observing event at the Frost Free Library in Marlborough, NH Tuesday July 9th at 7pm, with a rain date of Wednesday July 10th. Observing will also take place 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 concerts on the commons – Thursday July 11th and Thursday August 8th, both starting at 7 pm.
- The Fitzwilliam library is hosting a Galileo program on Wednesday, July 31, 10:30 am.

Old Business:

- Astronomical League programs? Night Sky Networks? Other?
- Bob has received the Astronomical League Lunar award Certificate and pin. **Jim photographed the award certificate and pin for our web site.** Bob indicates if anyone is interested in doing the moon program or constellation program he is more than willing to give a helping hand getting started.

- Observatory work - Looking to finish vinyl siding on the 2 triangular gables. Finish removing brush on west wall.
- Thanks Mike for mowing the observatory field for us last week.
- Observatory work session scheduled for Saturday or Sunday July 6th or 7th at 9pm.
- Continued discussion on portable KAA signboard to display while hosting events. David went to staples and got info on their sandwich board and sign sizes, weight and pricing. They do not have these items in the store so need to order them on line. We have also been looking at signboards advertised on Amazon that are waterproof. Carol and David will do the artwork for the sign. Everyone will submit what they feel should be included on the sign at the June meeting. We will also look into having similar business/post cards printed up to hand out once the display is finalized. **It was decided to hold on purchasing the signboard from Staples until we have the exact dimensions of the art work space available and verified the overall dimensions of the signboard. The art work will consist of our logo, website, telescope training and observing the universe. The costs seems to be about \$154.00. A final purchase decision will take place at the July meeting.**
- 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.
- 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.**

New Business:

- Carol did a terrific presentation on the June constellations – Bootes, URSA Minor, Corona Borealis.
- The Town of Sullivan building tax of \$29.00 has been paid.
- Jim presented items he received from NASA, which included a 2019 astronomy calendar, astronomy booklets, an astronomy game and several other items.
- Contacted by Jamie Contois a family in Putney VT looking to attend June observing with her son Noah Hudspeth (5 years old). Has a telescope that provides great views of the moon but looking to understand more about using it.