

KAA Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2020

Location: First Zoom meeting, hosted by Bob

Time: 7pm – 8:10pm

Present: Carol Littleton, Jeanne Applegate, Ed Lotowski and Bruce Norlund

Secretary's Report: February minutes accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: June \$1,800.35 – February \$1,864.85.

Upcoming events:

* The Keene Library is sponsoring a zoom meeting on “Space Junk” Tuesday June 30th 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 returning member Steve Ringland, who was a member in 2009 and 2010 while he was attending KSC and taking astronomy classes from Keith Goodale, whom was a long time member and past president of KAA.

* Submitted observatory inventory report to town of Sullivan

* Paid Sullivan observatory building tax of \$27.00.

* Submitted NH state non-profit incorporation payment of \$25.00 for five year coverage and received receipt of this from the state. Next payment due in 2025.

*Submitted Astronomical League dues of \$62.50 for seven members that joined AL.

* Removed broken cabinet from east wall of observatory, reported by Gabe, and Bob took it to the dump along with other items from his garage, so no charge to club.

* Mike as you know recently mowed our observatory field and after the cabinet was removed Bob cycled down the weeds around the perimeter of the observatory.

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* 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.

* It appears also for the time being observing from the observatory telescopes is also on hold. Members are welcome to use the observatory field to set up their telescopes and view under dark sky conditions there. If you are going to observe at the club, please let the Brooks's know.

* Did anyone see an article in the Sentinel in April or May on astronomy? I received a call from a reporter around April 1st and I gave her info about the club and what our objectives are, but I never heard back from her as to if or when the article was going to appear.

* Did anyone other than me watch the Night Sky webinar on the revolution in commercial Space Development over the next 42 months? If so, what did you take from it?

* Received an email from a Professional astronomy speaker Tom Field, a contributing editor to Sky and Telescope to do a webinar presentation for us. www.rspec-astro.com/outreach. No information on topic or any other details. Bob to pursue getting more details on topics and what size audience he needs.

* Observing reports? No observing reports for June so far.

* Bob briefly mentioned about Neutron star mergers and origin of elements from article in the June Reflector Magazine.

* Bob Briefly mentioned about the New Hale Spectroheliograph at Stellafane from article in June Reflector Magazine.

* Bob briefly mentioned about the Ritchey-Chretien revolutionary optics discovery for commercial telescopes. Bob will conduct a presentation at the July meeting on the Ritchey-Chretien telescope.