

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

March 22, 2019

**Location:** KSC

**Time:** 7:00pm - 8:15pm

**Present:** Robert Taylor, Carol Littleton, Jim & Phinie Faux, David Hayward, Bruce Norlund, Gabe Klueh

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: March: \$1,826.96 - February: \$1,806.17.

#### **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.
- KSC Binary Star Research Program - Dr. Steven Harfenist Department of Physics - Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. Putnam Science Center, Room 101
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for April 26th at 7:00pm the Keene State College Young Student Center.
- Our next club monthly observing session is scheduled for April 27th at 7pm the Sullivan Observatory or Otter Brook Dam, weather permitting.
- The Frost Library in Marlborough, NH would like KAA to do a telescope training in May and observing session in June/July. Kristen Readell contacted Bob about events.
- KAA Observing at Fitzwilliam Summer Concerts on the Commons - Thursday July 11th and Thursday August 8th, starting at 7pm.
- The Fitzwilliam Library is hosting a Galileo program on Wednesday, July 31, 10:30am.

#### **Old Business:**

- Bob has completed the moon program and has submitted it to the Astronomical League for approval... Way to go Bob!
- Looking to finish vinyl siding on the 2 triangular gables at the Sullivan Observatory this summer.
- Continued discussion on Solar Telescopes (Hydrogen Alpha), which are primarily for solar flare viewing. It was determined that more testing and understanding would be recommended before venturing into purchasing one for the club. With the existing solar filter for the club's loaner telescope and Bob's solar telescope that displays a silhouette image, it was discussed that these would be good for outreach at daytime events for viewing sunspots.

- Continued discussion on a portable KAA banner to display while hosting events. It was decided that Bob, Jim, and Bruce would meet at Staples and/or Gemini Graphics to view options and pricing. Ideally looking to have the club name, a logo, and website printed on it.
  - Also will look into having similar business/post cards printed up to hand out.
- 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:**

- Received inquiry from Matt Atwood Programming Librarian at Dickinson Memorial Library in Northfield, MA looking for educational programs. Not something KAA has resources for, recommended reaching out to SoVerA.
- Bob reached out to one of Julie's students Skylar who is looking to do some astrophotography next month.
- Bob completed and submitted Sullivan Observatory inventory report for town taxes.
- Tuesday June 25th at 1pm Junie will conduct at least 2 planetarium shows at the Keene Public Library Heberton Hall. Expected to range about an hour each and accommodate around 25 people each session. Turnout will dictate if additional shows will take place.
  - Good opportunity for potential solar viewing outside around showtimes.
- Junie is also scheduled to do a planetarium show at the Walpole school some time in April. Dates and times TBD.
- Started discussion on the annual spring dinner date at Papagallos. More to come...
- Bob fixed the damaged focuser and eyepiece and installed a new finder scope and realigned the optics for the KPL loaner telescope.
- Carol presented on the March constellation's - Cancer (The Crab) with highlights M44 The Beehive Cluster and M67 another open star cluster, Canis Minor (The Small Dog), and Lynx (The Cat) which was named for the very faint stars that make up this constellation as one needs the eyesight of a Lynx to see them.
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for March 2019" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: March 2019" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.
- Reminder: NEAF Convention, Rockland, NY April 4-7