

KAA Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2023

Location: Zoom hosted by Bob

Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

Present: Ed Lotowski, Jeanne Applegate, Bruce Norlund, Paul O'neil, Susan Rolke and David Hayward.

Secretary's Report: February business minutes accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: March \$2,148.25; February \$2,148.25.

Upcoming events:

- * Our next zoom business meeting is scheduled for Friday April 21st at 7pm.
- * At this time there are no club or outreach observing events scheduled.

Old Business:

- * Observatory work: At this time completing the observatory Vinyl siding of the north and south peaks is on hold, but looking to tackle it next spring
- * A brush removal work day to tackle the brush on the west and south walls needs to be scheduled. A 2" X 2" X 20' transition strip on the south side of the observatory is rotted and needs to be replaced or protected in some way to prevent further damage. Also the rubber flap on the north side has a tear that needs to be repaired.
- * Please email Bob if you have a presentation you would like to present or have a topic you would like us to present on the night sky, telescopes and etc.

New Business:

- * Determine if we are going to have the May meet at the observatory or not and when to schedule the work session.
- * KAA members need to continue discussing how to proceed forward with club meetings, observing sessions, and outreach programs given our current staffing and the COVID situation.
- * Gail from the Keene Library is looking for Solar Eclipse speakers in 2023 to talk about the total solar eclipse coming our way on April 8, 2024. Susan Rolke will conduct one solar eclipse talk at the Keene library in late summer or early fall. **In April Gail will determine dates for Susan's talk, from which she can chose from.**

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- * Those that visited the Keene library astronomy program on how to colonizing of the Moon, Mars and other worlds display found it interesting, but definitely geared more for children. They did describe the displays they saw and felt it was worth seeing.
- * Bob did a short presentation on how “**black holes reveal neutrinos**”. We had a very good and interesting discussion about this topic.
- * At the April meeting we will discuss an astronomy talk by Neil deGrass Tyson from his you tube Star Talk series. Bob will send out an email on which talk to watch, so we can all view it and then discuss it at the meeting. Thank you Bruce for that suggestion.
- * It was decided with not being able to conduct any observing sessions last year and very few zoom meetings either that there will be **no dues for 2023, but any donations are more than welcome.** Our yearly expenses are about \$200.00, which include website fees, Sullivan taxes and observatory upkeep costs.

Only members wanting to be members of the Astronomical League, which includes the Reflector magazine need to pay \$7.50.

Please make checks out to the “Keene Amateur Astronomers”

Please mail payments to:

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