

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

May 24, 2019

**Location:** KSC

**Present:** Robert Taylor, Carol Littleton, David Hayward.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: May: \$1696.17 - April: \$1826.96.

#### **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 observing scheduled at Sullivan for May 25th was cancelled due to weather.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for June 21<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Sullivan observatory, with observing at the Sullivan observatory afterwards.
- Our June Observing is scheduled for Saturday the 22<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at the Sullivan observatory.
- Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, with a rain date of Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>. Observing will also take place Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, with a rain date of Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. A concert will take place on Tuesdays.
- KAA observing at Fitzwilliam concerts on the commons – Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. Next month Jim will document the award by photographing the 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. The field will need to be mowed in a couple of weeks.

- Continued discussion on portable KAA banner or signboard to display while hosting events. It was decided to go with a signboard rather than a banner. 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.
- Annual dinner at Papagallos went very well with 11 attendees, great food and conversation.
- 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.**
- Carol did a terrific presentation on the April constellations – Leo, Leo Minor and Sextants. We all learned there is a spring triangle comprised of Arcturus, Regulus and spica.
- Eric Schmitt who is a member of SoVerA is now the Assistant Director of the Perkin observatory at Dublin School. Presently he is learning the operation of the observatory and doing the required maintenance on the observatory and telescope. Having Eric maintaining and operating the observatory will open it up to more public viewing and also to us.
- Eric has also found two solar telescopes at Dublin that when he has a chance to assemble them will invite us to do some sun viewing so that everyone interested can evaluate whether we want to proceed to purchase a solar telescope for the club or not. Eric is looking sometime this summer for checking the solar telescopes out.

#### **New Business:**

- KAA has paid the Astronomical League membership due of \$62.50 and submitted the membership roster.
- The KAA members welcome our newest members Edward Lotkowski and Jeanne Applegate from Peterborough.