

KAA MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

November 15, 2019

Location: Keene State College, YSC

Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Present: Robert Taylor, Carol Littleton, David Hayward, Bruce Norlund, Jim and Phinie Faux, Edward Lotkowski and Jeanne Applegate, Phil Hitchcock, Mike Paulin, Gabe Klueh

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: November \$1,682.35 - October \$1,699.22.

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.
- Observing scheduled at Sullivan Observatory for November 16th at 7:00pm, weather permitting - *cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.*
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for December 6th at 7pm at Bruce Norlund's home at 267 Gilsum Street in Keene.
- Our December Observing is scheduled for Saturday the 7th at 7pm at the Sullivan Observatory or Otter Brook Dam, weather dependent.

Old Business:

- Impromptu observing took place on 11/2 at Sullivan with 6 people in attendance. We were able to observe Saturn before it went below the trees, the moon, the ring nebula, Andromeda, the Hercules cluster, M15, the double at Alberio, and the Owl Cluster.
- Mercury transit on 11/11 was clouded out. Many members viewed the transit online.
- Observatory Work:
 - Thanks to all who cleared brush on the west wall at the Sullivan Observatory!
 - At this time Vinyl siding 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 no topic for the next meeting so we're open to suggestions.

New Business:

- Welcome to our newest members, Phil Hitchcock and Mike Paulin!
- Phillip discussed Planetariums and interest in finding a more local one than Boston, Maine or Concord.
- Received an email from Heather Mason at Stone Wall Farm. They are having a gathering open to all in the community on Sunday December 15th from about 5-8 pm to celebrate this dark time of the year with light! They will have luminaries and a bonfire, a tree lighting and was really hoping to have stargazing if the weather permits. A good opportunity to expose new people to our club. KAA will setup a scope and point out constellations, all are welcome.
- The KPL Lecture series is still under discussion with Gail, Bob and Claudio. Looking for local speakers.
- KAA want's to thank Jim and Phinie for renewing the club website package and domain name for another year and donating the \$65.97 cost of the renewal. Also for keeping the website up-to-date!
- KAA has paid the new observatory assessment Sullivan tax of \$24.00.
- KAA's NH-Non profit incorporation tax of \$25.00 will be due before April 15, 2020. (Paid every 5 years.)
- KAA want's to thank Bob who has donated the cost of new membership cards and first time business cards totaling \$144.43.
- Carol presented on the November constellation's - Andromeda (with highlights M31 the Andromeda Galaxy), Cassiopeia (with highlights M52 open star cluster and the Owl Cluster), and Pisces (Two Fish with highlight M74 spiral galaxy)
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for November 2019" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: November 2019" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.