

KAA Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2020

Location: Fifth Zoom meeting, hosted by Bob

Time: 7pm – 8pm

Present: Jeanne Applegate, Ed Lotowski and Bruce Norlund, Jim and Phinie Faux, Carol Littleton, Gabe Klueh.

Secretary's Report: October minutes accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: November \$1,795.75 - October \$1,795.75

Upcoming events:

- * Jeanne Applegate will do a presentation on the book “The Glass Universe” at our December business meeting. A story of the ladies of the Harvard observatory took measure of the stars.
- * Our next zoom business meeting is December 4th at 7pm.
- * Observing – December observing is going to be very exciting with the crescent moon being very close to Jupiter and Saturn on the 16th and 17th after sunset in the southwestern sky. This should be a great photo opportunity. Also on the 21st Jupiter and Saturn will be so close to each other they will look like one star, which will be both viewable at the same time through your telescope eye piece about 45min after sun set. Both events will take place at 14 degrees above the horizon so you'll need to get a to a clear southwestern sky opening or reach some elevation. Now all we need is clear skies.

Old Business:

- * Observatory work: At this time completing the observatory Vinyl siding of the north and south peaks work is on hold.
- * Sometime this fall we'll need to have a work day to tackle the brush on the west and south walls. This work has been postponed till next spring.
- * 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:

* Due to the virus that has shut us down from doing any club and outreach observing or any other type of events this past year and going forward until we are able resume normal activity the officers have decide to for go dues for 2021 for all present members. However, club members that want to be members of the Astronomical League and receive the Reflector Magazine will

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need to pay KAA \$7.50. Any member who wants to donate money to KAA are more than welcome to do so. KAA's annual basic costs for 2021 are \$125.00 for the website; \$51.00 for observatory taxes and \$10.00 for the Astronomical League for a total of \$196.00.

For AL membership and donations, please make checks out to "Keene Amateur Astronomers, Inc" and mail to Bob Taylor, P.O. Box 467, West Dummerston, VT 05357. Thank you.

* KAA has paid the half year Sullivan observatory building tax of \$36.00.

* KAA's new website format was discussed, which includes all the existing site content, but has many more photo's, equipment suppliers listed and a philanthropy item. With the increase to 1GB of memory it has allowed Gabe to include additional pictures and he has room for additional photo's. If you have photo's you would like to post, please contact Gabe.