

KAA Monthly Business Meeting Summary
November 14, 2025

Location: KSC in the YSC

Time: 7pm to 8:20pm

Present: Susan Rolke, Bruce Norlund, Jeff Luebke and Bob Taylor.

Secretary's Report: The October business meeting minutes were accepted as submitted.

Upcoming events:

- * Saturday November 29th at 7am on WKBK 1290 AM radio Susan Rolke's interview about her trip to Chile will be aired.
- * Our next business meeting will be Friday December 5, 2025 at 7pm at Bruce Norlund's home at 267 Gilsum St. Keene, NH. Observing is scheduled for Saturday December 6th at 7pm at the Sullivan Observatory.
- * Friday December 12th from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Otter Brook Dam the Cheshire County 4H club members observing event will take place, weather permitting. There is no back up date.
- * Susan Rolke will be doing her talk on Chile at the Jaffrey Library soon, but no date has been set yet.
- * Susan Rolke will be conducting her Chile talk at the Moore Free Library in Newfane, VT on Sunday May 31st at 3pm.

Old Business:

- * The October 26th work session at the observatory was a real success as we were able to remove numerous trees from the south barrier and remove all the trees and brush from the dirt pile at the south end of the observatory thanks to Jeff, Phinie, Buce, Ed. Nathan, Dominic and Bob. Going forward the work items needing to be completed is the replacement of the rotted sill plate at the observatory entrance, removal of the remaining trees on the south barrier, painting a second coat of paint on the observatory trim, fixing the roof nail leak on the west side, removing a couple of rocks and a tree root from the driveway and filling in some low spots in the driveway with the dirt from the dirt mound.
- * Wednesday November 12th at 7pm at the Fitzwilliam Library in Fitzwilliam, NH Susan Rolke presented her talk on her trip to Chile. **The talk went very well and there were 12 to 13 people in attendance and they asked very good questions.**

Thursday November 13th at 6:30pm at the Chesterfield Library in Chesterfield, NH Susan Rolke presented her talk on her trip to Chile. **The talk went very well and there were also 12 to 13 people in attendance who also asked very interesting questions.**

New Business:

- * Susan has submitted the November newsletter, which has an extensive article on 31/Atlas along with a list of objects to be observed this month with detailed sky maps to find them. **Susan is requesting everyone to send in any observing photo's you have taken recently and/or an astronomy topic you found interesting or a topic you would like to know more about, please send them to her at "susanrbr@hotmail.com"**
- * In an effort to consolidate all our archival material in one place so it's accessible to all members the Observatory is the logical location, but how to store them safely from critters and the elements is the next question. We first need to determine how much needs to be stored and then determine a containment system for it. **Bob has contacted Junie to see how much material he has and Junie will contact Bob when he has it ready to submit. Once all the archival material has been gathered it needs to be sorted and a master list of the items in the container generated so members will know what material is available and be able to quickly locate the item(s).**
- * Many thanks to Phinie Faux, Bruce Norlund and Ed Lotkowski for their generous donations to KAA.
- * Bob to generate the 2026 business meeting and observing schedule.
- * November first starts our new fiscal year, which means 2026 dues are now due at this time, which are the same as last year as indicated below.

Single/family membership - \$20.00

Single/family membership including the Astronomical League membership is \$29.00.

The AL membership allows you to receive awards (certificate and a pin) for completing their astronomy programs and the quarterly "Reflector Magazine".

Please make checks out to the "Keene Amateur Astronomers, Inc.

Please mail payment to:

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