

## KAA MONTHLY MEETING

### Minutes

October 18, 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, Gabe Klueh

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Club balance: October \$1,699.22 - September \$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 October 19th at 7:00pm, was *postponed* until Saturday October 26th at 7:00pm.
- Transit of Mercury will take place Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30am and finishing at 1pm. The plan is to do this transit observing at the Dublin School (starting at 9am) based on Erik Schmitt's schedule. KAA will provide additional telescopes if needed.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Keene State College Young Student Center.
- Our November Observing is scheduled for Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Sullivan Observatory.

#### **Old Business:**

- International moon viewing event on Saturday October 5th was successful at the KPL after a telescope training was conducted. Total of 20 participants young and old attended both.
- Bob conducted a very successful observing session at the Dummerston Community Center Friday October 4th with 20 people in attendance.
- Observatory Work:
  - Observing work session was scheduled for Saturday October 19th from 9 to noon for brush removal at the west wall for those available to work (*thank you to Jim, Phinie, Dave and Bruce who cleared brush Saturday*), with continuing brush removal if needed Saturday October 26th from 9am to noon for those available.
  - 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:**

- The KPL Lecture series was briefly discussed. KAA indicated much continued interest in getting the program up and running again, hopefully next year. Bob to contact Gail at library to find out more about the plans for the astronomy presentation this winter and what KAA can do to help make them happen.
- Dave added some tape to the underside of the signboard to hold in the sign to the board so it won't slip out. Carol/Jim will provide a picture to showcase on the website.
- Election of officers took place, it was unanimously voted on to retain all current officer:
  - President/Treasurer - Robert Taylor
  - Vice President - Carol Littleton
  - Secretary - Gabe Klueh
- Annual Membership Dues are due by November 1st
- Carol presented on the October constellation's - Aquarius (The Water Bearer), Cepheus (named after Cepheus, a king of Aethiopia in Greek mythology), Lacerta (The Lizard), Pegasus (The Winged Horse)
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for October 2019" - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: October 2019" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.
- Bob presented on the "Van Allen Radiation Belt" - we watched a very informative short video on this topic. (See separate email from Bob)