

## **BBAA Meeting Minutes**

April 1, 2010

The April meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM in Room JC-13 of the TCC Science Building, Virginia Beach campus, by president Mark Gerlach.

Those in attendance were Neill Alford, Bruce Bodner, Bryan Condrey, Courtney Flonta, Tony Flonta, Ted Forte, José Gelpí, Mark Gerlach, Chuck Jagow, Karen Jagow, Georgie June, Curt Lambert, Matt McLaughlin, Bill McLean, Bill Newman, Bill Powers, George Reynolds, and "Bird" Taylor.

Reports: It was moved, seconded, and approved that the reading of the March meeting minutes be waived, since they are posted on the BBAA Web site, [www.backbayastro.org](http://www.backbayastro.org). Treasurer Chuck Jagow reported that as of the meeting date there is \$3228.07 in the Scholarship Fund and \$3817.28 in the General Fund, for a total of \$7045.35. ALCOR Georgie June mentioned that Cliff Hedgepeth had earned the Binocular Deep Sky award. Once again, Cliff received applause "in absentia".

Old Business: None.

New Business: President Mark Gerlach reported that the BBAA will host the 2011 VAAS Conference. Chuck Jagow was appointed chairman of a committee (to be assembled) to begin planning for the event. Bird Taylor suggested getting a speaker through the NASA Speakers' Bureau. Some discussion ensued concerning posters and projects, possible observing sites, possible meeting sites, and food for the conference. It was decided to set up a committee at the next monthly meeting.

Matt McLaughlin reported that Garden Stars went well last Friday, with he, Neill Alford, and Kevin Rasso all taking part in the presentation. The weather precluded outdoor observing. Matt said the number of club members present outnumbered the paying visitors.

VP Courtney Flonta gave a report on the Nansemond-Suffolk Academy science night March 31st. There were about 50 visitors, and BBAA members had telescopes outside for viewing Saturn, Mars, Orion, and a "tour" of the constellations.

Schedule: Skywatch is ON for tomorrow night, 4/2. Saturday, April 10 is Yuri's Night at the Virginia Air and Space Center, Friday, April 15 is the Green Run Elementary School science night, April 23 is Mount Trashmore stargazing, and Saturday, April 24 is National Astronomy Day. Anyone wanting to participate in Yuri's Night, contact Bird Taylor. Anyone wanting to participate in the Mount Trashmore event, contact Chuck Dibbs and give him your name, address, phone number, email, T-shirt size, and type of scope (if any).

President Mark Gerlach presented the evening presentation, the January program of "The Sky at Night" with Sir Patrick Moore.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Reynolds  
Secretary