

## **BBA Meeting 5 August 2010 Minutes**

Prepared by Treasurer Chuck Jagow

The August meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM at the VB Planetarium within Plaza Middle School, Virginia Beach campus, by president Mark Gerlach.

Those in attendance were Bird Taylor, Chuck Dibbs, Chuck Jagow, Karen Jagow, Ben Loyola, Tony Flonta, Courtney Flonta, Mark Gerlach, Bill Newman, Cheryl Colvin, Zachery Colvin, Jeff Goldstein, Curt Lambert, Kevin Swann, Amy Koenig Gardner and Sara Church.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes for all of the meetings since April were unavailable as the club Secretary, George Reynolds was not in attendance due to a family function out of town. The club Treasurer was responsible for the August meeting minutes.

**Scholarship Committee Report:** Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Ben Loyola announced that Ms. Tessa Adair of Virginia Beach was selected as the BBAA 2010 Scholarship recipient. Ms. Adair had been unable to make the picnic due to being on vacation in Puerto Rico and she was unable to attend the meeting as she had left for school the morning of the 5th.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Chuck Jagow reported that as of the meeting date there is \$3,236.07 in the Scholarship Fund and \$3,607.26 in the General Fund, for a total of \$6,843.33. And that the Scholarship check had **NOT** yet been issued. That he would go to the bank and draw a bank check and mail it to the winning recipient on Saturday.

**ALCOR's Report:** None, Georgie June not present.

**Rapid Response Robotic Telescope Report:** None, Ted Forte or any of the active participants present.

**Old Business:** Treasurer Chuck Jagow brought up the issue of how the club was handling the apparel arrangement with Ben Loyola. After a little discussion it was decided to table the discussion until after the meeting and resolve any concerns at that time.

Chuck also inquired as to the where the club's Solar Scope was, if anyone knew where it was, no one present knew where it was. (*NOTE: The club PST is in possession of Secretary George Reynolds.*)

**New Business:** Chuck Jagow made the motion to print a 1,000 club brochures at Kinko's for an estimated cost of \$90 per 500. The move was seconded and voted on with unanimous approval.

**Presentation:** The evening's presentation was provided by Bird (Lawrence) Taylor who works at Langley for NASA who managed to get his hands on a DVD simply titled "ASCENT". For those of you who missed tonight's meeting, you picked the wrong one to skip. This is one of the best I have ever watched. It was nothing more than select camera clips of hundreds of views of the space shuttle lifting off. These were not just still pictures from thousands of feet away. They

were taken by NASA's special cameras right there on the pad some running 400 frames per second. Even "What's Her Name" put down her Nook and watched the entire DVD! Well Done Bird!

Chuck Dibbs showed us a quick You Tube video on a couple who found a meteorite in Washington state, Nice...

**Commentary:** After the amazing DVD, Bird Taylor spoke at length about how NASA has shifted its "swim lanes" from manned missions to more unmanned scientific missions and that they are not just rolling up and going away, and that how some areas are flourishing.

Two attendees were very excited that they were able to see the aurora on Wednesday night as the result of the recent outbursts on the Sun earlier this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM into a howling rainstorm.

**THANK YOU CHUCK DIBBS FOR THE USE OF YOUR  
PLANETARIUM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**