

BBAA June 7, 2012 meeting minutes

The Meeting at Plaza Middle School was called to order by president Courtney Flonta at 7:38PM.

Those in attendance were: Bob Beuerlein , Courtney Flonta, Robyn Korn, Dino Giangregorio, Mary Giangregorio, Nyssa Giangregorio, Jeff Goldstein, Curt Lambert, Bill McLean, Joey Quinn III, Bernie Strohmeier, Kevin Swann and 'Bird' Taylor.

Visitors & Guests: Nyssa Giangregorio, daughter of Dino & Mary Giangregorio

Treasurer's report:

\$2637.23 general fund

\$2719.92 Scholarship fund

\$5357.15 Total

\$400 is due for the web server site's domain name. This will be good for another 3 yrs.

\$30 is due for IDSA (International Dark Sky Association) membership.

Secretary's report: The reading of May's meeting minutes was waived, as they are posted on the BBAA web site, but they were referenced for Old Business.

Outreaches:

The Transit of Venus event at Mount Trashmore on Tuesday, June 5 had approximately 80 visitors for 1.5 hrs of viewing. There were 8 scopes & 2 or more binoculars.

Huntington Park (adjacent James River Bridge) had 20 scopes. The restaurant parking lot is shared with the city park so you can stay & observe after dark.

Calendar:

June 8 Friday, Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, Equestrian area, 7PM

June 16 Saturday, Nightwatch @ Chippokes

June 20-23 Green Bank star party @ Green Bank, WV

June 22 Friday, Night Hike @ Northwest River State Park, 7PM

June 28 Thursday, Cub Scout Day Camp @ Norfolk Elk Lodge, 6-10PM

June 29 Friday, Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Gardens

June 30 Saturday, Chippokes presentation – tentative alternate

July 3 Tuesday, Boardwalk Astronomy @ VA Beach boardwalk

July 13 Friday, Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, Equestrian area, 7PM

July 14 Saturday, BBAA family picnic @ Northwest River State Park, large picnic shelter, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

July 14 Saturday, Sky Viewing for Lincoln Military Housing Group @ VA Air & Space Center - Hampton, 8-10:30 PM

July 20 Friday, Night Hike @ Northwest River State Park, 7PM

July 21 Saturday, Nightwatch @ Chippokes

July 27 Friday, Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Gardens

July 31 Tuesday, Boardwalk Astronomy @ VA Beach boardwalk

August 2, Thursday, Monthly Meeting @ Plaza Middle School, 7PM

August 10 Friday, Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, Equestrian area, 7PM

August 18 Saturday, Nightwatch @ Chippokes

August 24 Friday, Night Hike @ Northwest River State Park, 7PM

August 24 Friday, Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Gardens

August 25 Saturday, Science Saturday, Blackwater Regional Library, Carrollton, VA, 10-11AM

August 27 Monday, Moon Watch, Princess Anne library (Nimmo pkwy), 6:30-7:30PM

August 28 Tuesday, Boardwalk Astronomy @ VA Beach boardwalk

September 6 Thursday, monthly meeting @ TCC  
September 7 Friday, Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, Equestrian area, 7PM  
September 15 Saturday, Nightwatch @ Chippokes  
September 21 Friday, Night Hike @ Northwest River State Park, 7PM  
September 21 Friday, Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Gardens  
September 25 Tuesday, Boardwalk Astronomy @ VA Beach boardwalk

New Member: Joey Quinn III.

Old business:

Courtney will ask Vice President about contacting Jennica Walter regarding 6/30 Chippokes presentation.

Picnic - it is \$110 for a resident of Chesapeake to reserve for the day. Check or cash only & need to be 21 to reserve. A check will be given to Jim Tallman, our NWRP POC, at the Skywatch event. Club pays for meat & drinks. The extras are brought by individuals.

Jim Tallman is also the Night Hike POC.

New business:

A Direct TV dish can be used for radio astronomy. You can pick up signals from the sun, Jupiter, etc. Google how to get the amplifier/receiver (21.1 MHZ) without auto gain control.

VPAS (Virginia Peninsula Astronomy Stargazers) is very active though it has no formal organization, dues or meetings. They have a yahoo web site that anyone can post to & can be emailed at [vpas@yahoo.com](mailto:vpas@yahoo.com). They meet 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month on Grundland Dr (the only road to the missile base.)

Through email, Jim Tallman got a member list from the Treasurer but asked in that email, "Do we need a membership coordinator?" It was discussed that the Treasurer already has the up-to-date member list (by definition) so therefore another position is not needed.

It was also discussed that the officers should get together to discuss meeting agenda sometime prior to the meeting.

Observing reports:

For the Venus transit, one viewer used a Herschel solar wedge refractor. It provided 125X magnification and believes to have seen its cloud layer. Another used Baader solar film as their sun filter. Hydrogen-alpha filter can be used to show prominences & flares (which you cannot see if a calcium-potassium filter is used.)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM