

BBAA June 6, 2013 meeting summary

The Meeting was held at Plaza Middle School

Those in attendance were:

Courtney Flonta, Benito Loyola, Mark Gerlach, Thomas Jarvis, Chris Jarvis, Chuck Jagow, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Kevin Swann, Jim Tallman, Pete Goulart, Bird Taylor, Bill Holmes, Dale Carey, Paul Tartabini, George Reynolds, George Curron, Chuck Dibbs, Katelyn Neese and Stacy Neese.

Calendar:

July 4 Thursday, NO monthly meeting

July 6 Saturday, Nightwatch @ Chippokes, 7:30PM

July 10-14 Green Bank Star Quest

July 12 Friday, Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Gardens, 9PM

July 19 Friday, Night Hike @ NWRP, 7PM

July 21 Sunday, BBAA annual picnic @ NWRP 11AM-3PM (in lieu of monthly meeting)

July 23 Tuesday, Boardwalk Astronomy, 2:30PM (rain date July 25 Thursday 2PM)

July 24-27 ALCON 2013 Astronomical League's national convention, in Atlanta, GA

July 26 Friday, Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, Equestrian area, 7:30PM

August 1 Thursday, monthly meeting @ Plaza Middle School, 7:30PM

August 10 Saturday, Nightwatch @ Chippokes, 7:30PM

August 12 Monday, moon watch @ Pungo-Blackwater Library, 6PM

August 16 Friday, Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Gardens, 8:30PM

August 16 Friday, Night Hike @ NWRP, 7PM

August 20 Tuesday, Boardwalk Astronomy, 2:30PM (rain date August 22 Thursday same time)

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Treasurer's report was read.

Secretary's report reading was waived.

Visitor: George Curron.

A Northwest River Park coordinator is needed. See Chuck Jagow.

Acting as ALCOR representative, George Reynolds awarded Jim Tallman the Lunar program & also the Outreach award. Nick Anderson (not present) also earned an award.

The Scholarship committee, lead by Benito Loyola, awarded \$1500. to Katelyn Neese, a senior at Granby High School. He read her teacher's letter of recommendation. After the award, she read her essay. She said she self taught herself astronomy in Middle School due to no astronomy classes. Then she took a course on "universe.org". She will major in Theoretical Astro physics at Princeton University, NJ.

The other scholarship committee members are Bill McLean & Matt McLaughlin. The scoring was 30% GPA, 20% SAT, 10% teacher letter of recommendation, & 40% essay. 2014 scholarship amount will be set this fall.

Observing reports:

5/18 VA Air & Space Center solar observing had many clouds but sun spots could be viewed. Mark Gerlach and Thomas & Chris Jarvis attended.

5/31 NWRP had 5+ scopes for viewing. Cub Scouts & others attended.

May's Boardwalk Astronomy was cancelled due to weather.

This evening's raffle winner was Chuck Dibbs who won a book titled: Practical Skywatching.

The meeting presentation was by VA beach Planetarium director Chuck Dibbs titled "Two Small Pieces of Glass" by NSF.