

BBAA April 2014 Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2014

The April 2014 meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the planetarium at TCC in Virginia Beach by president Jim Tallman. He announced that our guest speaker for May will be discussing his atmospheric research of Mars. Our June guest speaker will discuss his research with the AIM satellite and gravity waves.

Members in attendance were:

Neill Alford, Kent Blackwell, Kenny Broun, Scott Cadwell, Mike Galvas, Mark Gerlach, Dean Giangregorio, Mary Giangregorio, Pete Goulart, Bill Holmes, Chuck Jagow, Chris Jarvis, Thomas Jarvis, Robyn Korn, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Curt Lambert, Kirk Leppert, Maya Ogaldez, Vincent Pendleton, Bill Powers, Bruce Powers, George Reynolds, Mark Roehm, Melvin Spruill Jr, Ron Shaneyfelt, Jim Tallman, and Mike Webster.

Guests in attendance were:

Mark Oiler, Michael Prophet, Linda Reynolds, Frances Shaneyfelt, Roni Sharrett, John Tomzik, Chris Weller, and Chelsea Wendell.

Reports:

A motion was made by Chuck Jagow to waive the reading of the previous month's minutes. Motion seconded by Bruce Powers. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jagow reported that there is \$1532.75 in the General Fund and \$2389.67 in the Scholarship Fund, for a total of \$3942.42.

Vice President Report/Outreach Coordinator:

Calendar:

4/4 - VPAS: Hope Park Observing
4/5 - Mount Trashmore Star Party
4/11 - Garden Stars at Norfolk Botanical Gardens
4/12 - Carrollton Library 11:00AM
4/12 - Virginia Living Museum Star Party
4/15 - Total Lunar Eclipse 1:57AM - 5:46AM (Chesapeake Planetarium viewing pending)
4/18 - Skywatch at Northwest River Park
4/21 - 4/22 Lyrid Meteor Shower Peaks
4/26 - Nightwatch at Chippokes Plantation State Park
5/1 - BBAA Club Meeting at TCC VB 7:30 - 9:00
5/2 - Garden Stars at Norfolk Botanical Gardens
5/10 - National Astronomy Day at VB Central Library 9:30AM - 5PM
5/13 - Boardwalk Astronomy 6PM - 11PM
5/23 - Skywatch at Northwest River Park
5/31 - Nightwatch at Chippokes Plantation State Park

ALCOR (Astronomical League Coordinator):
No ALCOR reports.

Observing Reports:
No observing reports.

Old Business:
No old business

New Business:
Kent Blackwell announced that the East Coast Star Party in Coinjock will be the last weekend in May.

Jim Tallman demonstrated a simple way to line up the SkyTracker using some PCV pipe and a laser.

Door Prize Drawing: Sky & Telescope Magazine rewarded to guest John Tomzik. National Geographic Beyond Our Galaxy magazine rewarded to a youth guest.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43PM and turned to Kenny Broun for a planetarium show.

Planetarium Presentation:
Kenny Broun presented the 3D planetarium show, "Dawn of the Space Age 3D", which documented man's presence in space, including Sputnik, the Apollo missions, the International Space Station, and more.