

## **BBAA September 2014 Meeting Minutes**

September 4, 2014

The September 2014 meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM in room JC-11 of the Science Building at TCC in Virginia Beach, by secretary Leigh Anne Lagoe.

### **Members in attendance were:**

Neill Alford, Bob Beuerlein, Kenny Broun, Tom Flatley, Dean Giangregorio, Mary Giangregorio, Bill Holmes, Amy Johnson, John Johnson, Justin Johnson, Jeff Klein, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Benito Loyola, Matt McLaughlin, Bruce Powers, Joey Quinn, Melvin Spruill Jr., and Bird Taylor.

### **Guests were:**

Chris Aubright, Tiffany Ramos, and Moira Wiora.

### **Reports:**

A motion was made by Bird Taylor to waive the reading of the previous month's minutes. Motion seconded by Ben Loyola. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

### **Outreach Report:**

The 9/6 event "Observe the Moon Night" at the Princess Anne Library, and the 9/8 event "Walk Under the Moon" in Portsmouth, were both canceled due to lack of members signing up to participate.

9/5 - Garden Stars at Norfolk Botanical Gardens

9/5 - VPAS at the GAP

9/12 - Star Hike at Northwest River Park at 7:30PM

9/13 - VLM Star Party at the Virginia Living Museum

9/19 - Skywatch at Northwest River Park

9/27 - Nightwatch at Chippokes Plantation

10/1 - Moonwatch at TCC Library at 7:00PM - please see event page online for details.

10/2 - BBAA Monthly Meeting at TCC Virginia Beach at 7:30PM

10/3 - Garden Stars at Norfolk Botanical Gardens at 7:30PM

10/10 - Skywatch at Northwest River Park

10/11 - VLM Star Party at the Virginia Living Museum

10/17 - VPAS at the GAP

10/23-10/25 - East Coast Star Party in Coinjock, NC

10/25 - Nightwatch

**ALCOR** (Astronomical League Coordinator):

No report.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

VPAS has returned to the GAP for observing.

Ben Loyola gave away three magnetic bubble levelers.

**Observing Reports:**

Bird Taylor attempted to observe the Lunar “X”, but was too late.

**New NSN Toolkit:**

Leigh Anne Lagoe presented the new NSN Toolkit “Exploring the Solar System”. If portions of the kit are used at outreach events, we can log those events as NSN events, which in turn will earn us more free Toolkits. The toolkit included a scale model of the solar system, a large poster of the sun, a poster displaying the positions of the planets, and several activities that can be used for outreach events.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM followed by a planetarium presentation by Kenny Broun.

**Dinosaurs at Dusk:**

Planetarium show “Dinosaurs at Dusk” followed a father and daughter on a virtual time traveling adventure, exploring the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods. The film covered topics such as continental drift, extinctions, development of flight among different species, and led up to the “last day” of the dinosaurs by an asteroid impact.