

BBAA November 2014 Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2014

The November 2014 meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM in room JC-10 of the Science Building at TCC in Virginia Beach, by president Jim Tallman.

Members in attendance were:

Neill Alford, Bob Beuerlein, Kenny Broun, Scott Cadwell, Mark Gerlach, Bill Holmes, Chuck Jagow, Chris Jarvis, Tom Jarvis, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Curt Lambert, Benito Loyola, Matt McLaughlin, George Reynolds, Melvin Spruill, Doug Stoddart, Jim Tallman, and Paul Tartabini.

Guests were:

Rodney Clayton, Desiree Diggs, Karen Jagow, Eric Ramos, Tiffany Ramos, Trent Toporek, Jacob Wilson, Jonikka Wilson, and Paige Wilson.

Reports:

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

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jagow reported that there is 1494.25 in the general fund, 1989.67 in the scholarship fund, for a total of 3483.92. We have 100 members. 87 members are in good standing. Membership dues are coming up next month. An audit is needed. Chuck Jagow agreed to do it.

RRRT Report:

Bird Taylor reports that, despite multiple messages to RRRT director Carlos Salgado, he has not heard back yet. He reports that Dr. Sayanagi of Hampton University has not heard back from the direct regarding his submission either. Due to difficulty with the RRRT, he looked into Skynet, but because we are not a university, it is difficult to get access to it.

Vice President's Outreach Report:

11/7 - Garden Stars at Norfolk Botanical Gardens
11/14 - Skywatch at Northwest River Park
11/16-18 - Leonid Meteor Shower peaks
11/21 - Boy Scout Family Camping on West Road in Chesapeake 8-10PM
11/22 - Nightwatch at Chippokes Plantation
12/4 - BBAA Monthly Meeting at TCC
12/12 - Skywatch at Northwest River Park
12/13 - BBAA Anniversary Luncheon at Tripps in Virginia Beach 12PM

Observing Reports:

Many reports from the East Coast Star Party in Coinjock. Mark Gerlach, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Chris and Tom Jarvis all worked on Messier objects. Mark and Leigh Anne each found about a

dozen Messiers. Melvin Spruill made a time lapse video including Andromeda and the Pleiades. George Reynolds worked on the double star program, marking off 36 double stars. Just a few days after the peak of the Orionid meteor shower, the ECSP was also treated to many bright green meteors all weekend long. Paul Tartabini viewed the 2nd brightest star in the night sky, Canopus, as it briefly came up over the horizon, between the trees.

Old Business:

The anniversary Christmas luncheon is scheduled at Tripps Restaurant in Virginia Beach on December 13 at noon.

New Business:

No new business.

Other notes:

Mark Gerlach sold the club's Meade Telescope at the East Coast Star Party for \$100. Next week, ESA will be landing a probe on a comet for the first time.

Elections of the board for 2015:

All four current officers are willing to hold their positions for one more year. There were no other candidates.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted on to elect the current officers for a second term.

President: Jim Tallman

Vice President: George Reynolds

Treasurer: Chuck Jagow

Secretary: Leigh Anne Lagoe

Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM followed by a planetarium presentation by Kenny Broun.

Time and Space Planetarium Show:

Kenny Broun treated us to a brief laser light show and then we watched footage of NASA's last space shuttle launch. After, we took a virtual trip through the history of the universe. The show took us on an exploration of the big bang, through the age of the dinosaurs, the Apollo landing, and far into the future on a potential space station orbiting Saturn.