

BBAA January 2015 Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2015

The January 2015 meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Kiva Auditorium at Plaza Middle School, by president Jim Tallman.

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 2816.05 in the general fund, 2040.67 in the scholarship fund, for a total of 4856.72. Membership is currently at 99, but that number may decrease if dues are not paid by the end of January. Our bank account has \$334 more than accounted for. Some members that don't owe the full \$18 for dues are still sending the full amount.

RRRT Report:

Bird Taylor reported that they have been to Fan Mountain and imaged with the machine. They've been working with the new contact person at UVA, Matt Nelson. They should be able to use it remotely soon.

Scholarship Report:

Ben Loyola reported we've allocated \$1500 for 2015.

Vice President's Outreach Report:

1/10 - Skywatch at Northwest River Park. 5PM. Arriving at 3:30 to help new astronomers with their telescopes.

1/17 - Joint-Use Library Hobby Day at TCC. 11AM-3PM

1/17 - Nightwatch at Chippokes Plantation

1/21 - Landstown High School Astronomy Club. 2:20PM

1/31 - 4H Space Camp in Wakefield, VA. 7PM-9PM

2/5 - BBAA Monthly Meeting at TCC. 7:30-9PM

2/14 - Skywatch at Northwest River Park

2/21 - Nightwatch at Chippokes Plantation

Observing Reports:

Mark Gerlach and George Reynolds both viewed C/2014 Q2 (Lovejoy). Vincent Pendleton did some imaging of the moon from Chesapeake.

Old Business:

Constitutional Bylaws still need to be reviewed. July Annual Picnic will be at Redwing Park on July 25, 2015.

-Meteorologist Tiffany Savon will be our speaker for the March, 2015 meeting.

-PhD candidate Chris Jones from NASA Langley will speak to our club at the February, 2015 meeting about a proposal for a Venus mission.

New Business:

Bruce Powers spoke to the Sunrise Rotary Club in Norfolk on behalf of the BBAA.

Observing Opportunities:

Nick Anderson announced that there will be a rare triple moon transit of Jupiter on January 24. Space X will launch a rocket on 1/10 at 4:47AM from Florida.

-Jim Tallman reviewed some of the kits we've received from the NSN including "Exploring our Solar System", "Space Rocks", and "The Magnetic Sun".

Astronomy 101: part 3

George Reynolds briefly reviewed information that was discussed during the first Astronomy 101 class, then discussed different types of telescopes, mounts, finder scopes, and accessories. He showed the audience how to set up a refractor on an alt-az tripod, talked about the importance of having a methodic system for setting up and taking down, and gave some observing tips.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01PM.