

BBA Meeting Minutes 9/3/2015

The September meeting of the BBA was called to order at 7:33 pm by President Jim Tallman.

Attendees were Bob Beuerlein, Kenny Broun, Tom Flatley, Mark Gerlach, Jeff Goldstein, Chuck Jagow, Chris Jarvis, Thomas Jarvis, Curt Lambert, Ben Loyola, H. L. Marks, Jane Marks, Matt McLaughlin, Bill McLean, Bruce Powers, Joey Quinn, George Reynolds, Jim Tallman, Paul Tartabini, and Bird Taylor.

Jim reminded the members that election of officers will be held in November, so we should be thinking of volunteering or nominating someone for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Officer reports:

The treasurer reported that there is \$2102 in the general fund, \$1143 in the scholarship fund, for a total of \$3245. Currently there are 109 members, none of whom are delinquent. Chuck Jagow read a nice letter from our latest scholarship recipient, Daniel LeBrun, whom is now attending George Mason University. Chuck also is taking orders for the 2016 Astronomy calendar.

Bird Taylor and Mark Croom met with Dr. Carlos Salgado to discuss use of the Rapid Response Robotic Telescope (RRRT) on Fan Mountain. Dr. Salgado has not responded yet to the items discussed.

ALCOR Bill Mclean presented the Mabel Stearns Award to BBA newsletter editor Paul Tartabini for winning First Place in the annual competition. Bill also reported that *The Reflector*, quarterly newsletter of the Astronomical League, will now be available electronically. Bill passed out some IDA brochures explaining the problem of light pollution. He said that Secretary Leigh Anne Lagoe has a case of brochures, if members want to distribute them.

VP George Reynolds read the list of upcoming calendar events (see last page of this newsletter).

Old business: A committee has been meeting to update the constitution and bylaws to make the wording conform to the club's "incorporated" status and to raise the annual dues to \$23. This is the first dues increase in at least 15 years or more.

New business: Chuck Jagow has applied to the City of Chesapeake in the club's name for a special use permit to use Cornland Park for observing on the Fridays before and after New Moon. Jeff Goldstein suggested the club have a workshop on radio astronomy. He has the parts for making a "Jove Project" receiver to listen the the skies. He says he will send out an email to the membership to determine the interest.

Observing reports: Several members Chuck Jagow, Bill McLean, Paul Tartabini, and Mark Gerlach reported seeing some meteors during the recent Perseid meteor shower. Mark also told of his trip to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, West Virginia.

President Jim Tallman adjourned the business meeting at 8:06 pm. The meeting reconvened downstairs in the TCC Planetarium, where Prof. Kenny Broun gave a "Time Warp" laser show set to music of the 50s, 60s and 70s. He gave a planetarium show narrated by Patrick Stewart, warning us of potential world-ending disasters.

The meeting ended shortly after 9:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully (and tardily) submitted by George Reynolds.