

## **Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes**

**October 1, 2015**

Called to order at 7:30 PM, in the planetarium at TCC in Virginia Beach, Rm JC10, by president Jim Tallman.

### **Members & Guests in Attendance:**

Bob Beuerlein, Ken Broun, Eric Fadley, Mark Gerlach, Jeff Goldstein, Chuck Jagow, Chris Jarvis, George C. Jarvis, Thomas Jarvis, Robyn Korn, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Ben Loyola, Jane Marks, H.L. Marks, Matt McLaughlin, Joey Quinn, George Reynolds, Bill Rust, Kunio Sayanagi, Joanna Schug, Jim Tallman, Bird Taylor, Richard Thibault, and Zoe Waring.

### **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):**

- \$2224.81 in the General Fund. \$1142.67 in the Scholarship Fund. Total: \$3367.48
- Expecting \$1000 check for Boardwalk Astronomy.
- All 127 members currently in good standing.
- Astronomy Magazine Calendars available for purchase: **\$6.50 each.**

### **Vice President's Outreach Report (George Reynolds):**

Calendar:

10/8-11: East Coast Star Party in Coinjock, NC

10/10: Nightwatch at Chippokes open to those not going to ECSP (must bring permit & pay \$5)

10/12-18: Staunton River Star Party

10/15: Greenbrier Intermediate School STEM Night 5:30-8PM

10/16: VPAS at the GAP

10/22: Garden Stars at Norfolk Botanical Gardens(note: Thursday night) 7PM

10/24: Fall Festival at Malibu Elementary School: Solar Viewing 4-6PM

11/5: BBAA Meeting - Elections

11/7: Skywatch at Northwest River Park

### **Observing Reports:**

Several members took advantage of the 1-2 weeks of clear skies.

- Girl Scout Encampment at Camp Silver Beach was a success. Naked eye Andromeda.
- Fall Astronomy Day & Library Telescope Donation: several people stopped by to view the sun & take home handouts.
- The library telescope has been modified and donated to Virginia Beach Public Libraries. The Princess Anne Library is working on developing a program for patrons to check out the telescope.
- Lunar Eclipse Watch at Chesapeake Planetarium & at the VLM were both a success. Clouds early on parted near total eclipse.

**Other reports:**

- Bylaws Committee needs to proofread the revised documents & a meeting will be set to discuss them.
- RASC Handbooks available for sale through George Reynolds. \$25 ea

**- REMINDER: November meeting is Officer Elections**

**Cloud-Tracking Wind Measurements on Saturn**

Guest speaker John Blalock, a graduate student at Hampton University, discussed the work he is doing to study wind & cloud movement on the ringed planet.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02PM

Minutes recorded by Leigh Anne Lagoe