

## **Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes December 3, 2015**

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

### **Members in Attendance:**

Chris Aubright, Kenny Broun, Steve Copetas, Boush Davis, Lee Davis, Tom Flatley, David Garske, Kayce Garske, Mark Gerlach, Jeff Goldstein, Chuck Jagow, Chris Jarvis, George Jarvis, Tom Jarvis, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Niam Lagoe, Curtis Lambert, Wayne Lowe, Ben Loyola, HL Marks, Matt McLaughlin, Bill McLean, Tom Pearson, Bill Powers, Bruce Powers, Joey Quinn, George Reynolds, W.W. Rust, Shaun Sheppard, Kevin Swann, Jim Tallman, Sara Tallman

### **Guests:**

Scott Bough and Pat Mangum

### **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):**

- \$2275.32 in the General Fund. \$1147.67 in the Scholarship Fund. Total: \$3422.99
- Have not yet received check for Boardwalk Astronomy.
- 139 total members

### **ALCOR (Bill McLean):**

- Mark Gerlach and Leigh Anne Lagoe were both listed in the Reflector for receiving the outreach award. Former members Courtney Flaunta and Adam Forte were mentioned in the same issue for the Horkheimer Award. BBAA is well represented in the AL's Reflector.
- Bill encouraged all to participate in at least one observing program.

### **Scholarship Report (Ben Loyola):**

- Awaiting payment from Boardwalk Astronomy for total to be awarded for general scholarship.
- Donations to the scholarship fund are greatly appreciated.

### **Bylaws Committee (Chuck Jagow):**

- Adding necessary legal terminology to the bylaws due to incorporation of the club.
- Changes will include allowing an officer to serve their terms for up to 3 years.
- Dues will increase to \$23.
- Once the Bylaws revision is complete, it will be sent to all members to be voted on.

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

Calendar:

12/4 & 12/18: VPAS at the GAP

12/5 Skywatch at Northwest River Park

12/7 & 14: Crestwood Intermediate after-school program

12/8: Cornland Park Observing (members only - badges & permit required\*)

12/12: Star Party at the Virginia Living Museum

12/15: Cornland Park Observing (members only - badges & permit required\*)

12/19: BBAA Anniversary Luncheon at Tripps noon-3PM

1/2: Skywatch at Northwest River Park

1/7: BBAA Monthly Meeting at Plaza Middle School

\*Cornland Park observing on the Friday before and after the new moon throughout 2016. Those attending will need a copy of the special use permit & a BBAA badge (badges to be issued soon)

### **Observing Reports:**

Jupiter, Venus, Mars conjunction in early November - with Mercury low on the horizon, it created a line of planets.

### **No Old Business**

### **New Business:**

- Kunio Sayanagi looking for a team of amateur astronomers to image Jupiter and contribute to the Juno Mission. More information to come at February club meeting.
- New NSN toolkit will be tested by our club.
- An Orion XT8 telescope has been donated to our club.
- Club member Kayce Garske offered to help order scarves with Hubble images to anyone interested.

### **Astronomy 101 - The Moon**

George Reynolds gave a presentation on Luna with handouts, maps, book recommendations, and a crater-finding activity.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Minutes recorded by Leigh Anne Lagoe