

BBAA Astronomy Club, March 4, 2016 (TCC Planetarium)

Chuck Jagow (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members present included: Chuck Jagow, Karen "What's her name" Jagow, Mark Gerlach, Jeff Goldstein, Bill Annete McLean, Melvin Spruill, Curt Lambert, Penny Lane, Garrick Weller, Bob Benerlein, Bird, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Bob & Elise Balcom, H.L. and Jane Marks, Matt McLaughlin, Chris Tarvis, Paul Tartabini, Grant Wylie, Bill Rust, Shaun Loescher, Milton Labarr, Danny Mauslof, Bill Holmes, George Reynolds, Kenny Brown, Mike Webster, Audrey Webster, Ben Loyola, Jeff Singer, Mary Giangregorio, Dean Giangregorio, Bill Powers, Robert Balcom, Kayce & Dave Lever-Garske, Matthew Pieczynski, Brenda Butler, Wayne Lowe, Tiffany Kellar, Kayla Roboski (daughter), Rudy Labolin, Josh Frechem.

Vice President (Leigh Ann) Events Report:

March:

3/3 – BBAA Meeting @ TCC VB
3/4 & 3/11 – Cornwatch
3/5 – Chippokes
3/7 – 24th (Monday & Thursdays) Malibu Elementary School (Enrichment Program)
3/8 – Camp Ellen Elementary School
3/9 – 3/13 – Staunton River Star Party
3/13 – Daylight Saving Time Change
3/14 – Science Night Deep Creek Elementary School
3/15 – Science Night Deep Creek Central Elementary School
3/18 – VPAS at GAP
3/19 – Saturday SUN day at Bells Mill Park 10am-2pm
3/26 – Skywatch @ NWRP

April:

4/7 – BBAA Club Meeting at TCC
4/8 – Corn Watch (Cornland Private)
4/9 – VLM Star Party
4/9 – Nightwatch at Chippokes (Private)
4/14 – Family Science Night at Malibu Elementary
4/15 – VPAS at GAP
4/16 – Saturday "Sun" Day (10:00 AM)
4/23 – Solar Filter Workshop at Jim Tallman's house (not on the BBAA Calendar but scheduled)
4/30 – Skywatch at NWRP

May:

5/5 – BBAA Club Meeting at TCC
5/6 through 5/9 East Coast Star Party at Coinjock, NC
5/9 – Venus Transit at Boardwalk (setup at 6:00 AM)
5/12 – Garden Stars
5/13 – Corn Watch (Cornland Private)
5/13 – Garden Stars
5/14 – VLM Star Party
5/14 – National Astronomy Day (Bells Mill Park & coordinated with Chesapeake Planetarium)
5/14 – Saturday "Sun" Day (10:00 AM)
5/17 – Boardwalk Astronomy Outreach (6:00 PM)
5/20 – VPAS at GAP
5/28 – Skywatch at NWRP

Treasurer's Report (Mark Gerlach)

General Fund:	\$ 3,572.99
<u>Scholarship Fund:</u>	<u>\$ 2,184.02</u>
Total:	\$ 5,757.01

General Membership:	84
Associate Members:	6 + 7 (members of Astronomical League)
<u>Honorary Members:</u>	<u>4</u>
Paid up Members:	101
<u>Delinquent in dues:</u>	<u>50</u>
Total Members roster:	151

Secretary's Report (Jeff Goldstein)

Moved and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes.

RRRT Report (by "Bird")

Carlos emailed Bird and mentioned that he's teaching an Astronomy class this semester. They're hoping to replace motors on the RRRT. Soon we will be submitting requests for special observations. Several false starts in the past, but this time it will begin to improve.

Scholarship Committee Report (Ben Loyola)

We will be giving a total of \$2,000 worth in May. \$1500 BBAA Fund and in memory of Georgie June \$500 scholarship in her name. Packets have gone out to all schools. Close deadline is March 2nd, and the Scholarship Committee will rank and stack then present checks in the near future.

Old Business:

Constitution change in work. Should be ready by the summer. Still waiting for inputs.

Mt. Trashmore Star Party is a problem getting them to respond. Therefore, in lieu of them the City Park of Chesapeake is planning a Space Movie so we can be a part of that (around June 18th)

Sign up for the April 23rd dew heater / solar filter workshop on the database. Dew heaters will take the most time limited by the number of soldering stations. Very time consuming on last solar filter workshop. Chuck passed around his solar filter. We will figure out a new way of making it. We'll be using 5/8" weather stripping to secure the filters to your scope. (1/3 of the time will be saved using these materials)

Program:

Dr. Gene Tracy of William and Mary Physics Department

Presentation on: "How Do We Find Our Way in the Wider Cosmos?"

Superb presentation gave Dr. Tracy a rousing applause and many follow up questions when he was done. He claimed he had many more slides. We loved it!

Bill announced after meeting dinner at Ruby Tuesday's where the club invited him to dinner, too.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.