

BBAA Astronomy Club, June 2, 2016 (Plaza Middle School, Planetarium)

Chuck Jagow (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members present included: Chuck Jagow, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Mark Gerlach, Jeff Goldstein, Bird, H.L. Marks, Jane Marks, Bill Rust, Shawn Loescher, Ben Loyola, Bill Holmes, George Reynolds, Jim Tallman, Curt Lambert, Chris Jarvis, Thomas Jarvis, Bill McLean, Annette McLean, Don Johnson, Gregory Faircloth, Vincent Pendleton, Mike Webster, Chris Pieczynski, Matthew Pieczynski, Matt McLaughlin, Tom Flatley, Bob Balcom, Grant Wylie, Stephen Copetas, Jeff Singer, Paul Tartabini, Chuck Dibbs.

Vice President (Leigh Ann) Events Report:

Notes: Slover Library in Norfolk seeking BBAA Programs/Presentations for General Public (Oct – January)
Mentorship: Richmond Department of Education

June:

6/2 – BBAA Club Meeting at Plaza MS Planetarium (7:30 – 9:00 PM)
6/3 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park, Chesapeake) dusk – dawn
6/4 – Nightwatch (Chippokes Plantation) dusk – dawn
6/10 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park, Chesapeake) dusk – dawn
6/11 – Saturday “Sun” Day (Bells Mill Park, Chesapeake) 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
6/14 – Boardwalk Astronomy Outreach, 24th Street (6:00 – 11:00 PM)
6/17 – Tidewater Gem & Mineral Society Meeting (discuss how the BBAA Operates) Stoneshore Rd.
(Covered by Chuck J & Leigh Anne Lagoe) (7:30 – 9:00 PM)
6/18 – Movie Night Star Party, Chesapeake City Park (6:00 – 11:00 PM) **Needs more volunteers!**
6/24 – Private Star Party, Doppler Ct, (Covered by George Reynolds, Virginia Beach) 8:30 – 10:00 PM
6/25 – Skywatch at NWRP (7:00 – 11 PM)

July:

7/1 - Corn Watch (Cornland Park, Chesapeake) dusk – dawn
7/2 – Nightwatch (Chippokes Plantation) dusk – dawn
7/8 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park, Chesapeake) dusk – dawn
7/9 – Saturday “Sun” Day (Bells Mill Park, Chesapeake) 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
7/12 – Boardwalk Astronomy Outreach, 24th Street (6:00 – 11:00 PM)
7/23 – BBAA Picnic, Red Wing Park, Cabana #2. (10:00 – 3:00 PM)
7/30 – Skywatch at NWRP (8:30 – 11 PM)

August:

8/9 – Garden Stars

Secretary’s Report (Jeff Goldstein)

I started reading the minutes (for the 2nd time), then, moved and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer’s Report (Mark Gerlach)

Notes: 1. Thank You Letter and \$100 donation received from Lulu LaMonde (thanking us for honoring Georgie)
2. Invitation letter from Green Bank Astronomy to attend their largest Star Party in the Nation (optical & radio). Camp sites are available. Flyers available from Mark G. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Seth Sachtok.

General Fund:	\$ 3,779.50
Scholarship Fund:	\$ 1,692.02
<u>Georgie June Funds:</u>	<u>\$ 1,040.00 (available from last year)</u>
Total:	\$ 6,511.52

General Membership:	84 (but now, probably 86)
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

Scholarship Report

Ben Loyola mentioned that there were packages to review. One more member will review these packages and award \$1,500.

RRRT Report (by “Bird”)

News: Norfolk State is upgrading the camera, dome, and mount. Test photos were taken last semester with several students on-site. UVA was waiting until the end of the semester to upgrade the telescope and mount. Putting in an Apogee Camera that Dr. Salgado had. They’re pulling out the old camera and replacing two new motors and a controller board on the dome. Ben L mentioned that they received a 3-letter designation for an excellent operation. Hopefully, in a month or two from now, we’ll have access.

Old Business:

We’ve been asked again to attend the Blue Moon Beer Festival at Hunt Club Farms. There is a \$300 donation for us to attend.

Constitution still in the works. Positions are being updated to reflect the current year. Should be ready by the end of the year for everyone to review.

Observing Reports:

Last Friday, Chuck took the best photos taken yet of Mars and Jupiter.
Next day, poor seeing at Skywatch.

George Reynolds mentioned that in Goochland they had an 8” Dobsonian in the front yard. Showed Mars, Saturn, Jupiter, Ring Nebula, M13. Very dark, clear sky.

Also, on May 10th, George R. gave a presentation to the Richmond Astronomical Society telling about the BBAA and what we do. They send their regards.

Bill McLean mentioned last Friday they went to York River State Park (YRSP) and VPAS has a great relationship with the park officials. There were only five of VPAS members there, and several others attended. Great restaurants in Williamsburg. Can coordinate through Daryl or Jason to come out to the park.

Astronomical League Report:

Bill McLean mentioned Dinner tonight is at TGIF. For the new folks, if you’re a member of BBAA, then you’re also a member of the A.L. You get the Reflector Magazine. They have 40 programs and awards: Lunar, Messier, and others to peak anyone’s interest. Learn how to log and observe. It makes you a better observer. Nearly everyone in the club has at least one pin. Most club members have at least one pin. There is the Transit of Mercury Award coming up with the latest worksheet. The Annual AL Convention will be August 10 – 13th. NASA Honchos will be speaking at the convention. Also a live SLOOH Presentation was held during the Mercury transit from the remote location at the Canary Islands.

New Business: (23minutes appx)

Shirts: Last call for ordering shirts before putting in the order for embroidered shirts.

Evening Program:

Chuck Dibbs presentation on their new software and high definition projection.

Chuck showed the position of Mercury relative to tonight's evening sky.

Chuck prepared about 15 dates for the audience to tell him the date based upon the stars.
A great movie followed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.