

BBAA Astronomy Club, August 4, 2016 (Plaza Middle School, Kiva)

Chuck Jagow (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members present included: Chuck Jagow, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Mark Gerlach, Jeff Goldstein, Dino Giangregorio, Mary Giangregorio, Bird, H.L. Marks, Jane Marks, Bill Rust, Shawn Loescher, Bill Holmes, Chris Jarvis, Thomas Jarvis, Bill McLean, Annette McLean, Gregory Faircloth, Mike Webster, Audrey Webster, Chris Pieczynski, Matthew Pieczynski, Paul Tartabini, Dylan Campbell, Bruce Powers, Bob Beuerlein, Lee Davis, Boush Davis, and Chuck Hood.

Chuck Dibbs is not present tonight. He's on vacation. Custodian let us in.

Chuck J. mentioned that our Saturday Sun Day be moved to Liberty Park (Off Atlantic Ave at Edmunds Corner)

Vice President (Leigh Ann) Events Report:

Notes: Slover Library in Norfolk seeking BBAA Programs/Presentations for NASA Exhibit General Public from (Oct – January). List of presenters due August 15th.

Delmarva Club also invited us again to their Star Party Event.

Rocket Launch 8/22 at Wallops Island (6:00 PM)

August:

8/4 – BBAA Club Meeting at Plaza MS Planetarium (7:30 – 9:00 PM)

8/8 – Cornwatch (Cornland Park, Chesapeake) dusk – dawn

8/9 – Garden Stars (8:00 PM)

8/12 – Cornwatch (Cornland Park, Chesapeake) dusk – dawn

8/12 – Mt. Trashmore Movie Star Party (Telescopes for Public Outreach) (5:00 – 10:30 PM)

8/13 – Saturday Sun Day (May be moved from Bells Mill Park). Please check latest bulletins.

8/12 & 13th Astronomical League Convention in DC (free raffles)

8/16 – Boardwalk Astronomy Outreach, 24th Street (6:00 – 11:00 PM)

8/27 – Skywatch at NWRP (6:30 – 11 PM)

September:

9/1 – BBAA Club Meeting at TCC (7:30 – 9:00 PM)

9/8 – Garden Stars (8:00 PM)

9/13 – Boardwalk Astronomy Outreach, 24th Street (6:00 – 11:00 PM)

9/24 – Skywatch at NWRP (6:30 – 11 PM)

Secretary's Report (Jeff Goldstein)

I started reading the minutes (for the 3rd time), then, moved and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report (Mark Gerlach)

General Fund:	\$ 2,884.96
Scholarship Fund:	\$ 196.02
<u>Georgie June Funds:</u>	<u>\$ 970.00 (available from last year)</u>
Total:	\$ 4,050.98

General Membership:	120
Associate Members:	6 + 7 (members of Astronomical League)
<u>Honorary Members:</u>	<u>4</u>
Paid up Members:	110

Scholarship Report

Awards given tonight. Deferred until later.

RRRT Report (by Lawrence “Bird”)

No News.

Astronomical League Report:

Bill McLean: Convention is next week. 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.

Bill McLean presented Mercury Transit (distance to the sun calculations) Awards & Pins to: Annette McLean, Chuck Jagow, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Jeff Goldstein, Mike Webster, George Reynolds, Bill McLean, Dino & Mary, and others were sent directly to member's homes via email.

Jeff Goldstein volunteered to head the committee for the 2017 Solar Eclipse Observation.

Old Business:

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.

New Business:

Chuck suggested using some club funds to raffle off items such as eyepiece, telescope equipment. Chuck suggested a “Christmas in July” type present. Send email to one of the club officers if you have suggestion. Perhaps we could raffle off a really nice eyepiece (or two). No motion necessary, yet. First we need suggestions.

Observing Reports:

Mark Gerlach went to Green Bank, WV and finished his Messier Award requirements. He also talked to Dr. Seth Shachtek (Chief Investigator in Search for Terrestrial Life)

Chuck had an exceptional night last Tuesday observing. Chuck reported on the Blue Moon Festival. Rain and cloudy at first. Cleared up later and observed the sun. Showed Mars, Saturn, Jupiter. Good showing, humidity was a little lower. Used 400x on Saturn. Very special.

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.

Evening Program:

BBAA Scholarship Presentations & Essay Reading

- 1) Georgie June \$500 Scholarship goes to: Dylan Campbell who read a very eloquent essay on his Astronomy aspirations concerning Project Jove and Measuring the Effects on IO on Jupiter's Signal.
- 2) BBAA Club \$1,500 Scholarship goes to: Matthew Piecynski who also read his eloquent Astronomy Essay.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.