

BBAA Astronomy Club, October 6, 2016 (TCC Science Building, Room JC-10)

Chuck Jagow (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Members present included: Chuck Jagow, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Mark Gerlach, George Reynolds, Bird, H.L. Marks, Shawn Loescher, Bill Holmes, Ben Loyola, George C. Jarvis, Thomas Jarvis, Curt Lambert, Tom Flatley, Bruce Powers, Bob Beuerlein.

Vice President (Leigh Ann) Events Report:

October:

- 10/6 – BBAA Club Meeting at TCC Science Building JC-10 (7:30 – 9:00 PM)
- 10/7 – Cornwatch (Cancelled)
- 10/8 – Russell Memorial Library “Star Wars Reads Day”
- 10/11 – Garden Stars (7:00 PM) Bruce Powers will lead.
- 10/11 – Red Mill Elem. School (9:00 – 9:45) Jeff Goldstein will present “Astronomy & Planets”
- 10/15 – Saturday Sun Day (Elizabeth River Park, Chesapeake).
- 10/21 – Skywatch (Cancelled conflicting with the East Coast Star Party)
- 10/20-23 – East Coast Star Party (Coinjock, NC)
- 10/28 – Cornwatch (Cornland Park, Chesapeake) dusk – dawn
- 10/29 – Nightwatch at Chippokes Plantation (6:30 – 11 PM)

November: (Busy month, need members to help out on events)

- 11/3 – BBAA Club Meeting at TCC (7:30 – 9:00 PM)
- 11/7 – 10 (Events during this 2nd week all need volunteers). See calendar in Night Sky Network (NSN)
- 11/8 – Slover Library (6:00 – 9:00 Jeff Goldstein “Blinking Pluto & Planets” - Star Gazing afterwards)
- 11/18 – Boy Scouts at West Road, Chesapeake

Secretary’s Report (Jeff Goldstein)

Not present (Teaching a class at TCC).

Treasurer’s Report (Mark Gerlach)

Both checks to Scholarships have cleared the bank. Thank you notes received from scholarship recipients. Received a \$300 check from Blue Moon Event (Hunt Club Farms). Chuck suggested placing in Scholarship Fund. No check yet from the City for Boardwalk Astronomy.

General Fund:	\$ 2,595.02
Scholarship Fund:	\$ 496.02
<u>Georgie June Funds:</u>	<u>\$ 1,458.00 (available from last year)</u>
Total:	\$ 4,549.04

General Membership:	128
Associate Members:	6 (members of Astronomical League)
<u>Honorary Members:</u>	<u>4</u>
Paid up Members:	138

Scholarship Report

Ben Loyola asked for another volunteer to help by being on the Scholarship Committee. H.L. Marks volunteered.

RRRT Report (by Lawrence “Bird”)

No News.

Astronomical League Report:

No News.

Old Business:

Constitution still in the works.

2017 August 21, Solar Eclipse. Several BBAA Club members going to Anderson, SC. (getting booked, early)

New Business:

Mark Gerlach will not run for reelection as Treasurer, nor will Leigh Anne run for re-election as Vice President.

Chuck suggested using some club funds to raffle off items such as eyepiece, telescope equipment.

Perhaps we could raffle off a really nice eyepiece (or two). No motion necessary, yet. First we need suggestions.

Observing Reports:

George Reynolds was at Slover Library last night (10/5) and had a dry run with P. O. C. Bonnie Shaw. No others came probably due to bad weather.

Parking Garage is just next door. Loading dock at the Library (convenient to load/unload). Must coordinate.

Next event is November 8th.

Tom Flatley in Eastern Belgium (near Cologne, Germany) at a very dark site. Andromeda galaxy almost naked eye.

Bird Taylor reported on a VPAS "Campfire Talk" at Fort Monroe in late September. Good turnout of 50 sign ups, general astronomy talk, looking through telescopes. Other activities on "Dog Beach" (North Beach) close to Fort Monroe. Not as dark as the GAP, but there are no mosquitoes. National Park Service wants VPAS to continue their astronomy events and activities.

Ben Loyola reported that Dr. Kunio Sayanagi received a grant and will setup a robotic telescope at Hampton University. He has invited us to participate. He will be continuing his study of Jupiter. Some discussion ensued. George Reynolds is once again taking orders for the Annual RASC Observers' Handbook.

Evening Program:

Chuck Jagow gave a demonstration of Collimation of a Newtonian or Dobsonian Reflector. He shared many stories of how things went along. How to learn from someone else's mistakes.

Follow the steps in Carlin's article --- lots of pictures.

Suggested you replace all Allen screws with "Bob's Knobs"

Loosen the lock screws before adjusting collimation screws. Then don't use them.

Mark the original location of mirror and screws with tape or nail polish.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.