

BBAA Astronomy Club, December 1, 2016 (TCC Science Building, Room JC-10)

Chuck Jagow (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Members present included: Chuck Jagow, Kenny Broun, Karen Jagow, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Shawn Loescher, Ben Loyola, Matt McLaughlin, Bruce Powers, Joey Quinn, George Reynolds, Bill Rust, and Jim Tallman, and visitors Pat Mangum and Elaine Quinn.

Vice President (Leigh Ann) Events Report:

December:

Thu	12/1	7:30 – 9:00 PM	BBAA Club Meeting at TCC
Wed	12/7	6:00 PM	Slover Library George presentation + observing
Sat	12/10	10:00 -2:00 PM	“Sun” Day Elizabeth River Park, Chesapeake
Thu	12/15	1:30 PM	Poquoson ES. George
Sat	12/17	12:00 noon	Luncheon Lynnhaven Fish House
Sat	12/17	5:00 – 9:00 PM	Skywatch NWRP
Fri	12/23	dusk to dawn	Cornwatch Cornland Park, Chesapeake
Fri	12/30	dusk to dawn	Cornwatch Cornland Park, Chesapeake
Sat	12/31	dusk to dawn	Nightwatch Chippokes Plantation S.P. (New Year’s Eve)

January:

Tue	1/3/17	6:00 PM	Slover Library
Thu	1/5/17	7:30 PM	BBAA Meeting Plaza Middle School Kiva Auditorium

Treasurer’s Report (shows the recent accounting turnover)

Bruce Powers, newly elected Treasurer, will assume his duties January first. In the meantime, Chuck Jagow has taken over from Mark Gerlach, who has had multiple health and family issues. Chuck will make sure all accounts are in balance before he turns it over to Bruce. He did say that when he balanced the checkbook it was in balance with the bank’s numbers. The Treasurer’s report was passed out by Chuck.

There was some discussion about anticipated expenses for next year. Since the telescope raffle worked well as a fundraiser, Chuck suggested the club buy something to raffle off next year for a fundraiser. Suggestions were a folding table or a “catsperch” observing chair, or some other useful object, and not something exotic or expensive like a big eyepiece.

General Fund Income:	\$5,888.92
General Fund Expenses:	2,743.19
General Fund Ending Balance	3,145.73
Scholarship Fund Income:	2,695.52
Scholarship Fund Expenses:	2,000.00
Scholarship Fund Ending Balance	695.52
Scholarship Fund Income:	1,545.00
Scholarship Fund Expenses:	500.00
GJ Scholarship Fund Ending Balance	1,045.00
BBAA FINANCIALS SUMMARY	\$4,886.25
BBAA CHECKBOOK BALANCE	<u>\$ 4,869.80</u>
DIFFERENCE	\$ 16.45

MEMBERSHIP DATA

Honorary Members	4
Associate Members w/AL.	9
Associate Members	1
Regular Members	125
Total Members on Roster	139

Dues Paid In Full Members	45
Members' Dues Due this Month	75
Members Delinquent in Dues	19

Anticipated 2017 Dues \$ 1,622.00

2017 ANTICIPATED EXPENSES

AL Dues	\$	725.00
Insurance		325.00
Fees		100.00
Picnic		250.00
Mailings		150.00
Charitable		150.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		<u>800.00</u>
Total:	\$	2,500.00

Secretary's Report (Jeff Goldstein)

Not present (Teaching a class at TCC).

RRRT Report.

No report.

Astronomical League Report:

No Report.

Scholarship Committee Report:

The committee expects to make the same scholarship awards next year -- \$1500 BBAA scholarship and \$500 Georgie June scholarship. The income from Boardwalk Astronomy and the Blue Moon Festival, as well as donations, helped keep the scholarship funds successful.

Old Business:

Chuck has submitted the application for 2017 special use permit for Chippokes.
The Cornland Park special use permit has already been approved by the City of Chesapeake.
Chuck plans to soon reserve a place for the July picnic.

Jim Tallman reminded us that the work on revising the constitution and bylaws needs to be completed. Chuck will send a copy of the latest changes to George for final perusal and suggestions.

New Business:

VAAS Conference – Virginia Association of Astronomical Societies – rotates among Virginia Astronomy clubs, and the BBAA is in the rotation to host next year’s conference. Some discussion ensued about past VAAS conferences, good and bad, and how hard it was to get and keep speakers. The questions are: Do we want to do it, or pass on it? If so, when? Late October seems a difficult time to get people to attend; besides, the weather is not always favorable. Possibly hold it in August or September, when the weather is warmer? And where to hold it? Kenny Broun volunteered TCC and the planetarium. Possible observing sites are Cornland, NWRP, and Chippokes. Chuck coordinated the conference the last time we hosted it, and says if we do it again, someone else will have to do it. We have time, so more ideas and possible speakers can be discussed later.

Ben Loyola described the plan for the Hampton University observatory, as part of Dr. Kunio Sayanagi’s grant to study Jupiter. Outreach is required by the grant, so the club can get involved in using the facility, which will include a Celestron C-14 on a concrete-mounted pier, on the roof of a 14-story building belonging to Hampton University, across the street from the Air and Space Museum. Pending engineering clearance, the observatory will be housed in a 12-foot diameter clamshell dome, and the telescope will be fully automated for tracking the skies. Ben says there is an excellent view of the sky from the top of the building.

Shawn Loescher recounted how he modified his Dobsonian Reflector with “ebony star” to eliminate “stiction”. He will post the full account and instructions to the BackbayAstro Yahoo group. Chuck added that for an Intelliscope, a “milk jug washer” needs to be added to allow the computer object locator to still function.

Observing Reports:

Last night (11/30) there was a beautiful conjunction of the waxing crescent Moon and Venus. Bruce and Jim briefly mentioned observing recently from Jim’s back yard. Bruce kept going into Jim’s observatory “warm room” to warm up in the cold night.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.