

BBAA Astronomy Club March 1, 2018 (TCC Science Building, Room JC-10)

Chuck Jagow (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Members present include: Chuck Jagow, George Reynolds, Shawn Loescher, Jeff Goldstein, Pat Mangum, George Jarvis, Bill Rust, Matt McLaughlin, Bob Beuerlein, Michael Webster, Joey Quinn, Arch Walpole, Mark Gerlach, Kenny Broun, Kayce Covet Garske, David Garske, La Shawn Bauer, and Pedro N. Lobas.

Chuck opened the meeting with the treasurer's report. He mentioned again about the stipend that the City of Chesapeake has offered us beginning this year. Many events have been held without any remuneration. We're arranging a Star Party for the Virginia Beach Aquarium where students stay overnight at the aquarium and we will present them the sky with our knowledge and telescopes. It should be fun.

Treasurer's Report (previous month read by Jeff Goldstein)

General Fund Income: \$ 6,054.78
General Fund Expenses: \$.00
General Fund Balance: \$ 6,054.78

Scholarship Fund Inc: \$ 662.52
Scholarship Fund Exp: \$.00
Total: \$ 662.52

GJ S'ship Fund Income: \$ 1,131.00
GJ S'ship Fund Exp: \$.00
Total: \$ 1,131.00

BBAA Financ. Sum'y \$ 7,848.30
BBAA Checkbook \$ 7,833.72
Checkbook + PP - Fin. \$ 14.58

Membership Data

Honorary Members: 5
Associate Members w/AL: 9
Associate Members: 1
Regular Members: 127
Total Members on Roster: 142

Paid up Members: 99
Members' Dues (due Oct.) 0
Delinquent in dues: 43
Anticipated 2017 Dues: \$ 396.00

Anticipated Expenses

AL Dues	\$ 650.00	Paid on 5/3/17
State Corp. Comm. Fee	\$ 35.00	Paid on 3/2/17
Insurance	\$ 325.00	Paid \$320 on 6/11/17
Fees PO Box	\$ 102.00	Paid 1/9/17
Moon/Nt. Sky Guides	\$ 300.00	
July Picnic	\$ 199.00	Paid 8/14/17
Mailings	\$ 150.00	Newsletter Snail Mail Mailings
Charitable	\$ 150.00	IDA and Clear Sky Chart
<u>Misc.</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	Awards, Raffle Prizes, etc.
Total:	\$ 3,911.09	

Fee for web page around \$400. Club has bought moon guides. Chuck passed out handouts.

Vice President Events Report (read by George Reynolds):

March:

- 03/01 – BBAA Club Meeting at TCC Room JC-10
- 03/05 – Deep Creek Elementary School (6:00 – 7:45 PM)
- 03/09 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park Private) Sunset – Dawn (bring BBAA ID and Cornland Permit)
- 03/10 – “Night Under the Stars” at Sleepy Hole Park (6:00 PM - ?) Expecting 100 people.
- 03/10 – Skywatch NWRP (6:00 – 10:00 PM) only a 4 hour event + 1 hour before for telescope help
- 03/16 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park Private) Sunset – Dawn (bring BBAA ID and Cornland Permit)
- 03/17 – Night Watch Chippokes State Park Observing
- 03/23 – NASA Astronomy Night (7:00 PM). Wallops Island, VA
- 03/24 – Saturday “Sun” Day (Elizabeth River Park, Chesapeake) 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 03/24 – Earth Hour (First Landing State Park) (8:00 – 9:30 PM)
- 03/27 – Deep Creek Central Elementary School Science Night (6:00 – 7:30 PM)

April:

- 04/05 – BBAA Club Meeting at TCC Room JC-10
- 04/07 – Skywatch NWRP (7:30 – 10:30 PM) only a 4 hour event + 1 hour before for telescope help
- 04/21 – Saturday “Sun” Day (Elizabeth River Park, Chesapeake) 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Secretary’s Report (Jeff Goldstein)

Jeff started to read the February minutes, however moved and seconded to waive the reading.

Jeff did write all the Hampton Roads Superintendents’ and Principals about the Scholarships for 2018.

Scholarship Committee Report: (Ben was not present). Except for the above news, no report.

RRRT Report (“Bird” Lawrence Taylor) Bird reported the RRRT is back online. He mentioned that the system works very well, and he has opened up more accounts to any BBAA club member. He briefly explained how it works, and Bird will take names and emails of those interested in getting an account. There were a few questions answered.

ALCOR (Astronomical League Coordinator) Report (Bill McLean): No report.

Old Business:

Chuck Jagow will be ordering the eyepiece tomorrow for the VB Central Library Telescope (9 years old) that we donated to them. Jim is working on the modifications for the telescopes. Chuck has ordered two zoom eyepieces for these scopes. The Orion 4.5” Star Blast telescope is nearly identical to the Celestron 4.5” Newtonian scope. Shawn mentioned that the start-up for the telescope was slow, since they only checked out the telescope to teachers. The telescope looks brand new, as they have not checked it out only a few times. Our intention is to help modify other telescopes that the Library buys, and the BBAA will align the telescopes for them. A short discussion ensued about a training curriculum that prospective amateurs may get interested in.

New Business:

Discussions about the new top prize for the G. J. Grand Prize. Perhaps another Telescope, eyepieces, etc. Tickets will be \$5 each and will be raffled off at the club picnic. The telescope is a GOTO WiFi scope. Chuck demonstrated the GOTO of this telescope simulating going to Sirius. The telescope continues tracking, too. Also, the telescope comes with a cigarette power plug. We also viewed the screen on Chuck’s cell phone to demonstrate the app software for the scope.

Observing Reports:

- Kenny observed his favorite triple star.
- Bird observed M-42 at the GAP
- George Reynolds - Astronomy Merit Badge observing with Troop 413 in Suffolk. April will be the 2nd session.
- Garden Stars clear Sirius, Procyon, pointers, all pointed out with George’s Laser printer. Shot pix of the Moon.
- Chuck reported on his observing with the 18” Ultra Compact Obsession telescope. It’s virtually new
- Chuck showed several raw video Jupiter images. Demonstrating that we can capture images, easily. SharpCap software

Program: Bill Rust gave a short talk on his “Bill’s List”

Bill handed out declination and right ascension chart and times for several bright galaxies. He displayed the chart on the overhead screen. May also be used for object imaging w/prime focus. The chart is between -20 N & 75 S.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.