

BBAA Astronomy Club April 5, 2018 (TCC Science Building, Room JC-10)

Chuck Jagow (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Members present include: Chuck Jagow, George Reynolds, Shawn Loesch, Jeff Goldstein, Pat Mangum, George Jarvis, Bill Rust, Robin Korn, Bob Beuerlein, Michael Webster, Joey Quinn, Arch Walpole, Mark Gerlach, Kenny Broun, Pedro N. Cobas, Kurt Lambert, Brenda Butler, Michael Whitley, Tom Flatley, Ben Loyola, Bill Powers, Wesley Jacocks, Boush Davis, and Melvin Spruill Jr.

Chuck opened the meeting with an announcement on the July Picnic raffle tickets for the GJ Scholarship fund and telescope. The tickets are now available, so please see any club officer to purchase the tickets.

We're not sure exactly when in July to hold the picnic, as the dates have not been made available.

Chuck is selling his 14" telescope for \$1,400. GOTO scope in excellent condition.

Treasurer's Report (previous month read by Chuck Jagow)

General Fund Income: \$ 7,130.78

General Fund Expenses: \$ 2,589.59

General Fund Balance: \$ 4,541.19

Scholarship Fund Inc: \$ 1,923.52

Scholarship Fund Exp: \$.00

Total: \$ 1,923.52

GJ S'ship Fund Income: \$ 1,131.00

GJ S'ship Fund Exp: \$.00

Total: \$ 1,131.00

BBAA Financ. Sum'y \$ 7,595.71

Pending PayPal Depos. \$ 172.57

BBAA Checkbook \$ 7,411.22

Checkbook + PP - Fin. \$ 11.92

Membership Data

Honorary Members: 5

Associate Members w/AL: 10

Associate Members: 1

Regular Members: 131

Total Members on Roster: 147

Paid up Members:

Members' Dues (due Apr.)

Delinquent in dues:

Anticipated 2017 Dues: \$

Anticipated Expenses

AL Dues \$ 650.00

Paid 5/3/17

State Corp. Comm. Fee \$ 450.00

Paid 3/2/17

Insurance \$ 325.00

Paid \$325 on 6/11/17

Fees PO Box \$ 102.00

Paid 1/9/17

July Picnic \$ 199.09

Paid 8/14/17

Mailings \$ 150.00

Newsletter Snail Mail Mailings

Charitable \$ 150.00

IDA and Clear Sky Chart

Misc. \$ 2,000.00

Awards, Raffle Prizes, etc.

Total: \$ 4,061.09

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

Vice President Events Report (read by Shawn Loescher):

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
- 04/13 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park Private) Sunset – Dawn. Bring BBAA ID & Cornland Permit
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- 04/21 – Saturday “Sun” Day (Elizabeth River Park, Chesapeake) 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 04/21 – International Astronomy Day at VB Central Library.
- 04/27 – Mentoring Future Scientists (VB Aquarium) 7:00 – 9:00 PM

May:

- 05/03 – BBAA Club Meeting at TCC Room JC-10
- 05/05 – Skywatch NWRP (8:00 – 11:00 PM) only a 4 hour event + 1 hour before for telescope help
- 05/10 – 05/12 East Coast Star Party at Coinjock, NC. (No preregistration. Just pay when you arrive)
- 05/19 – Saturday “Sun” Day (Elizabeth River Park, Chesapeake) 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 05/22 – Boardwalk Astronomy #1 for this year, 24th Street (6:00 PM – 11:00 PM).

Shawn mentioned that there were several kits from the Astronomy League he would like to distribute demonstrating astronomy to the general public. We have more kits than what is listed. Shawn will make the list available to the club, soon.

Secretary’s Report (Jeff Goldstein)

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

Jeff asked Ben Loyola if he had any inquiries about the scholarships since each principal was notified last month.

Scholarship Committee Report: (Ben Loyola). Waiting for packages of prospective applicants to arrive. None, yet.

RRRT Report (“Bird” Lawrence Taylor) Bird will give a presentation in May on how to use the RRRT. Tracking issues are resolved, and it’s all free for our use. There were a few questions asked and answered by Bird and Ben Loyola.

Old Business:

- Chuck Jagow mentioned that Jim Tallman is repairing the Library Telescope. It broke and Jim is repairing it. The idea is that these donated telescopes will be loaned out by the Librarians. Previously, the Librarians were only loaning them to adults and teachers. Hopefully, the telescope will be repaired before Astronomy Day.
- Another question about the PayPal being able to handle the raffle tickets. However, Bruce was in opposition to dealing with PayPal. EasyPay was also discussed as an alternative to receiving club funding revenue.
- Moon Charts and Star Charts are available from Chuck. These are \$6.

New Business:

None.

Observing Reports & Announcements:

- Arch Walpole reported on the Staunton Star Party. He mentioned very friendly folks and clear skies. The “portapotties” were convenient, and coffee was available at the restaurant. Great viewing and horizons. Great trip. There were 108 people there. Arch’s GOTO telescope worked well and coincidentally was parked next to another observer with the same mount. Everyone there was very helpful and friendly. It was 26 degrees on Wednesday night through Thursday morning.
- George reported on an event at Seashore State Park, and Deep Creek Central Elementary School. Saw the moon through sucker holes. Very good turnout over 200 people there.
- Jupiter update mentioned by Ben Loyola. (Hampton University) The grant that Dr. Kunio has set up any form of video to detect comet/asteroid impacts on Jupiter. Ben mentioned that 5 astronomers were already uploading to the website. Compares flux caused by impacts. There were several false positives, already, that cannot be avoided.
- Shawn demonstrated how to use the list of events, observatories, and outreach site to obtain directions for each site. There is a VBBA Map that opens a new window. This is not just for our club, but rather any astronomy related event and observation.

- Shawn also demonstrated the “The Store” and the “Wicking” T-Shirts he’s organizing to be ordered, soon. These will not fade. There is a minimum order for 10 shirts. John has not contacted Shawn, yet. He will probably need to get a batch order. Shawn showed the website and demonstrated how to order shirts from the website. Hopefully, the shirts will be ready before Boardwalk Astronomy.

After several raffle tickets were sold, the meeting was relocated to the Planetarium.

Program: Professor Kenny Broun gave us a Planetarium Show after the formal meeting, tonight. It was well received, and he used the new projection system which was much improved over the previous system.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.