

## BBAA Astronomy Club July 7, 2018 (TCC JC10)

### Chuck Jagow (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Members present include: Chuck Jagow, George Reynolds, Shawn Loescher, Jeff Goldstein, Ben Loyola, Matt McLaughlin, Bob Beuerlein, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Matt Cook, Neill Alford, Joey Quinn, and Lawrence "Bird" Taylor.

Chuck opened the meeting mentioning that normally we don't have a July meeting, since it corresponds directly to the club picnic, however, since the picnic is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>, we are having a meeting tonight.

### Vice President Events Report (read by Shawn Loescher):

#### July:

- 07/07 – BBAA Club Meeting at TCC Room JC-10
- 07/07 – Skywatch NWRP (8:00 – 12:00 midnight) only a 4 hour event + 1 hour before for telescope help
- 07/11 – Big Blue Summer Day Camp at ODU (9:30 – 11:30 AM)
- 07/11 – Green Bank Star Quest XV
- 07/13 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park Private) Sunset – Dawn. Bring BBAA ID & Cornland Permit
- 07/13 – Muse Summer Open House (5:00 – 10:00 PM)
- 07/14 – VLM Star Party
- 07/14 – Family Star Gazing JEB Little Creek
- 07/14 – Nightwatch Chippokes Plantation State Park (8:30 PM – 6:30 AM)
- 07/20 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park Private) Sunset – Dawn. Bring BBAA ID & Cornland Permit
- 07/21 – Saturday "Sun" Day (Elizabeth River Park, Chesapeake) 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 07/23 – Summer Reading Program at Blackwater Regional Library (2:00 – 3:30 PM)
- 07/24 – Boardwalk Astronomy #3 for this year, 24<sup>th</sup> Street (6:00 PM – 11:00 PM)
- 07/27 – Blue Moon Full Moon-A-Palooza (6:00 PM – 11:00 PM)
- 07/27 – Night Under the Stars: Pungo Blackwater Library

#### August:

- 08/04 – BBAA Club Picnic at Shelter #3 (11:00 – 3:00 PM)
- 08/04 – Skywatch NWRP (8:00 – 12:00 midnight) only a 4 hour event + 1 hour before for telescope help
- 08/10 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park Private) Sunset – Dawn. Bring BBAA ID & Cornland Permit
- 08/11 – Nightwatch Chippokes Plantation State Park (8:30 PM – 6:30 AM, 6/16)
- 08/11 – Perseid Meteor Shower
- 08/16 – Garden Stars at Norfolk Botanical Garden (8:30 – 10 PM)
- 08/17 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park Private) Sunset – Dawn. Bring BBAA ID & Cornland Permit
- 08/18 – Saturday "Sun" Day (Elizabeth River Park, Chesapeake) 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 08/21 – Boardwalk Astronomy #4 for this year, 24<sup>th</sup> Street (6:00 PM – 11:00 PM)

For Boardwalk Astronomy #3 the police showed up to write tickets for the cars since the 24<sup>th</sup> was rained out and our rain day was Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>. One club member drove on the boardwalk without a pass. Dale will be there to assign only six parking passes for the boardwalk. You must get a pass before driving onto the boardwalk.

### Treasurer's Report (Bruce Powers)

General Fund Income: \$ 7,685.71  
General Fund Expenses: \$ 4,896.33  
General Fund Balance: \$ 2,789.38

Scholarship Fund Inc: \$ 1,923.52  
Scholarship Fund Exp: \$ 1,500.00  
Total: \$ 423.52

GJ S'ship Fund Income: \$ 1,131.00  
GJ S'ship Fund Exp: \$ 500.00  
Total: \$ 631.00

BBAA Financ. Sum'y \$ 3,843.90  
Pending PayPal Depos. \$  
BBAA Checkbook \$ 3,847.51  
Checkbook + PP – Fin. \$ 3.61

### Membership Data

Honorary Members:	5
Associate Members w/AL:	14
Associate Members:	1
<u>Regular Members:</u>	<u>102</u>
Total Members on Roster:	122

Paid up Members:

Members' Dues (due this month)

Delinquent in dues:

Anticipated 2018 Dues: \$

### **Anticipated Expenses for 2018**

AL Dues	\$ 605.00	Paid June 2018
State Corp. Comm. Fee	\$ 35.00	
Insurance	\$ 320.00	Paid May 2018
Fees PO Box	\$ 102.00	Paid 1/9/18
July Picnic	\$ 200.00	
Mailings	\$ 150.00	Newsletter Snail Mail Mailings
Charitable	\$ 150.00	IDA and Clear Sky Chart
<u>Misc.</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	Eyepieces, Legal Fees, Dark Sky Donations, Outreach Supplies, etc.
Total:	\$ 2,562.00	

### **Secretary's Report (Jeff Goldstein)**

Jeff mentioned we met at Plaza Planetarium on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Moved & seconded to waive reading the minutes.

**Alcor Report (Bill McLean)** Not present. He's been sick, and his wife has been sick and recently passed away.

**RRRT Report ("Bird" Lawrence Taylor)** Bird asked if anyone has not been contacted or emailed to be on the RRRT list. UVA has recently started scheduling students for the remote telescope. Our point of contact is [LawrenceWTaylor@Nasa.gov](mailto:LawrenceWTaylor@Nasa.gov) to get on the RRRT list. You will receive instructions to log in.

**Scholarship Committee Report: (Ben Loyola presenter).** Please contribute to the Georgie June Scholarship Fund for raffle tickets for the new telescope to be raffled at the August picnic. It's a 4½ inch telescope.

### **Old Business:**

- Jupiter Imaging Project currently 6.5 days. Approximately 1.5 days (42 hours remaining). Most persistent imaging of Jupiter in the history of imaging planets. There is no reason that every club member can contribute. There is a minimum of 15 frames to qualify for imaging. You may also use your equipment to contribute to Professor Kunio's NASA Grant.

### **New Business:**

- The 2018 BBAA Picnic will be held on August 4, 2018 at Redwing Park.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon is our annual luncheon at Stripers.
- The 2018 VAAS is to be held at Randolph Macon College (near Richmond) on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Raffle Tickets for the Celestron Astro 5 Wi-Fi 130 Reflector Telescope are \$5. Cell phone app controls it. The proceeds to the Georgie June Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available from all Club Officers. You do not need to be present to win.
- A Russian made telescope was donated to the club. It's a Maksutov 5½ inch heavy all metal telescope. Took it to the Saturday Sun Day. Focuser throw distance is very short, but the draw tube must be adjusted to accommodate the short throw.
- Another telescope: Meade ETX-125 was recently donated to us and needs to be cleaned. Chuck gave \$150 to the donor and the remaining value was donated to the club.
- Chuck has a signup sheet for the Solar Filter Workshop. So far only 3 people have responded as interested.
- Chuck brought 3 solar filters to show and compare to the ones that were homemade.
- Leigh Anne mentioned there is an aluminum tube 7.75" in diameter and 38.75" long available from a donor, as long as the tube is used.
- Yahoo groups is moving all the files to groupsIo. This is a night and day difference compared to the old Yahoo groups site. George Reynolds was assisting Chuck Jagow and started to transfer the files and data. However, the site wants \$10 per month for more than 1 GB of data. Since we have about 6 times that in storage files, we are testing this new system. Chuck demonstrated this new site to our group. He also showed

how to sign in with your email address. Search for Backbay Astro and it's easy to access. A discussion followed comparing Facebook, Twitter, and Night Sky Network giving the pro's and con's. Anyone can join Facebook, and groupsIo, but the NASA Night Sky Network is only for club members.

**Observing Reports & Announcements:**

- After GAP last week Bird mentioned that he set up a telescope at one of the pubs and received several free drinks.
- Blue Moon Festival will be a good observing session. Also, they give free drink coupons.

**Program:** none

**Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.**