

BBAA Astronomy Club January 3, 2019 (VBCPS Planetarium)

Shawn Loescher (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members present include: **Chuck Jagow, Shawn Loescher, Jeff Goldstein, Stan Hubbard, Jared Austin, Lawrence Hiebert, Nate Mano, George Reynolds, Matt McLaughlin, Ben Loyola, Bob Beuerlein, Sarah Gartin, Tom Flatley, Robert Bice, Arch Walpole, Curt Lambert, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Niam Lagoe, Bill Powers, Isaac Ammerman, Bill (last name illegible), Paul M. Bayer, Kayla Dio Robinson, Lawrence "Bird" Taylor**

Vice President Events Report (read by George Reynolds):

January 2019: 1/5: Nightwatch @ Chippokes
1/10: Garden Stars @ Botanical Gardens
1/11: Cornwatch in Chesapeake
1/19: Saturday "SUN" Day @ Elizabeth River Park
1/20: Total Lunar Eclipse Watch Party @ Chesapeake Planetarium
1/26: Skywatch @ Northwest River Park

February 2019: 2/1: Cornwatch
2/2: Nightwatch @ Chippokes & Space Camp @ 4-H in Wakefield
2/7: Club meeting @ TCC
2/8: Cornwatch
2/14: Garden Stars @ Botanical Gardens
2/16: Saturday "SUN" Day @ Elizabeth River Park
2/23: Skywatch @ Northwest River Park

Requests: Due to a large number of interested people, it was requested that there be a lot of help and support from club members at Total Lunar Eclipse Watch Party.

Secretary's Report (Kayla Dio Robinson):

Gave short briefing of minutes (mainly old and new business) from last meeting. Reminded club to discuss possible funding and donations for RRRT Telescope and ideas for Georgie June scholarship raffle.

Treasurer's Report (Chuck Jagow):

General funds have \$4,445.96 per spreadsheets, \$1,750.52 for scholarship fund, \$1,862 for GJ scholarship. Addressed that there were several (unintentional) discrepancies from past treasurer which resulted in three different balances (spreadsheet, statement, written balance). Suggested that for 2019, just use checking account statement balance (\$7,849.17) as a starting point. Welcomes anyone else to go through all of past treasury transactions in addition to himself.

TREASURY DATA 2018 YTD

General Fund Income: \$ 9,782.05
General Fund Expenses: \$ 5,336.09
General Fund Balance: \$ 4,445.96

Scholarship Fund Inc: \$ 3,250.52
Scholarship Fund Exp: \$ 1,500.00
Scholarship Fund Bal: \$ 1,750.52

GJ S'hip Fund Income: \$ 2,362.00
GJ S'hip Fund Exp: \$ 500.00
GJ Scholarship Bal: \$ 1,862.00

BBAA BOOKS TOTAL \$8,058.48
BBAA BB&T STATEMENT BALANCE \$7,849.17 (209.31) DELTA

BBA CHECKBOOK BALANCE

\$8,132.55 (74.07) DELTA

Membership Data

Honorary Members: 5
Associate Members w/AL: 14
Associate Members: 1
Regular Members: 122

Total Members on Roster: 142

Dues Paid In Full Members: 89
Members' Dues (due this month) 3
Delinquent in dues: 50

Anticipated 2018 Dues: \$ \$1,219/00

2019 ESTIMATED EXPENSES

AL Dues \$ 660.00
Insurance \$ 320.00
Fees PO Box \$ 120.00
August Picnic \$ 150.00
Mailings \$ 150.00
Charitable \$ 150.00
Misc. \$ 1,000.00
GJ Scholarship \$ 500.00
Primary Scholarship \$ 1,500.00
Total: \$ 4,550.00

Scholarship Committee Report: (Ben Loyola): Mentioned giving a heads up to schools in the area for 2019 scholarship.

RRRT Report ("Bird" Lawrence Taylor & Ben Loyola): Took names and emails for new members interested in using RRRT telescope.

Alcor Report (Bill McLean): No report (McLean not present).

Old Business:

- Club members had a successful annual luncheon at Stripers on 12/15
- BBAA is still looking for new A.L. Coordinator (ALCOR)
- ALCON next summer at the Kennedy Space Center (July 25-29)

New Business:

- Club voted to use checking account statement balance as starting point for 2019, no oppositions
- Club voted to donate \$500 to RRRT, no oppositions
- September 30th is deadline for annual audit for treasurer, club is looking for someone willing to help with that

Observing Reports & Announcements: Jeff Goldstein observed Comet 46P/Wirtanen on December 10-11th using binoculars and naked eye. On December 11, Shawn saw the comet at Carrollton Library and later at Chesapeake Planetarium through a telescope. George also spotted the comet at Kent Blackwell's house on December 14th. Completed Raffle for Skywatcher's book during meeting.

Program: Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity presented by **Charles Dibbs** in the Plaza Middle School Planetarium.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.