

## **BBAA Astronomy Club November 7, 2019 (TCC JC-13)**

### **Shawn Loescher (President):**

Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members present include: **James R Coleman, Arch Walpole, Bruce Powers, Bob Beuerlein, Tom Flatley, Matt McLaughlin, Neill Alford, Chuck Jagow, Bill Powers, Pat Mangum, Bill Rust, Derek Sutton, George Reynolds, Bird Taylor, Kenny Brown, Billy Young, Shawn Loescher, Ben Loyola, Paul Tartabini, Jeff Goldstein**

### **Vice President Events Report (read by George Reynolds):**

- November
  - Saturday "SUN" Day on Saturday, 11/09
  - Mercury Transit on Monday, 11/11 - One event at Chesapeake Planetarium, second event at Virginia Beach Boardwalk (behind 24th street stage)
  - George will be at Carrollton Library on Tuesday, 11/12
  - STEM event at Baptist Church on Friday, 11/15
  - Annual Boy Scout/Cup Scout Camping on Friday, 11/22
  - Corn Watch on Friday, 11/12
  - Nightwatch on Saturday, 11/23
  - Corn Watch on Friday, 11/29
  - Skywatch on Saturday, 11/30
- December
  - Club meeting at Virginia Beach TCC on Thursday, 12/05
  - Saturday "SUN" Day on Saturday, 12/07
  - Annual Luncheon at Striper's on Saturday, 12/07
  - Ghent Market Shops on Friday, 12/13
  - Corn Watch on Friday, 12/20
  - Skywatch on Saturday, 12/21
  - Corn Watch on Friday, 12/27
  - Nightwatch on Saturday, 12/28

**Secretary's Report (Kayla Dio Robinson):** no report.

### **Treasurer's Report (Chuck Jagow):**

- General Fund: \$3534.77
- Primary Scholarship Fund: \$1.52
- GJ Scholarship Fund: \$1,354.00
- Total Funds: \$4901.29
- 134 Total Members
- 116 Regular Paid Members
- 2 Associate Members
- 11 AL Members
- 0 delinquent members
- Invoiced for Boardwalk Astronomy events, will have 4 successful ones (expected ~\$1,000)
- Skywatch and "Sun" Day dates have been sent to the city of Chesapeake
- Chuck Dibbs has submitted 5 dates for Boardwalk Astronomy to the city
- Tomorrow, Chuck J. will send Nightwatch dates to Chippoke and Corn Watch dates to city of Chesapeake
- Shooting for 07/25/2020 date for summer picnic in same location
- GJ Raffle items: SkyQuest Orion XT8+ telescope and Canon camera (modded for astrophotography)

**Scholarship Committee Report (Ben Loyola):** no report.

**RRRT Report ("Bird" Lawrence Taylor & Ben Loyola):** no report.

**Alcor Report (Bruce Powers):** Bruce gives information on logging observations for an AL pin, must be in no later than December 11. See Bruce for more information.

**Old Business:**

- Hampton University's Kunio Sayanagi will receive an Astro Dome and will be putting a free observatory on top of their building at HU.
- George mentions that he has a lot of books about astronomy and observing available to be read.
- Shawn mentioned that the Virginia Beach public library wants BBAA to sign contractual agreement to volunteer and the club said no because it would be hard to coordinate, would prefer to be invited as a guest volunteer.

**New Business:**

- Reminder that the public can donate money of any amount to BBAA (a Tax-Exempt organization) and it will go towards scholarships. More info on [backbayastro.org](http://backbayastro.org).
- Reminder that raffle tickets cannot be sold via Paypal.

**Observing Reports & Announcements:**

- George mentioned that he observed the moon.
- Kenny mentioned that he will be retiring in August 2020, but his colleague Billy Younger teaches physics and astronomy at TCC and would like to become involved with BBAA as a faculty sponsor for telescopes and planetarium.
- Neill gave an observing report of his and his wife's trip to Chile to observe the July total solar eclipse.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.**