

BBAA Astronomy Club December 5, 2019 (TCC JC-13)

Shawn Loescher (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Vice President Events Report (read by George Reynolds):

- December
 - Annual Luncheon at Striper's on Saturday, 12/07
 - Moon Night at Carrollton Branch Library on Tuesday, 12/10
 - Holiday Party at Ghent Market Shops on Friday, 12/13
 - Hobby Day at Churchland Elementary School on Wednesday, 12/18
 - Corn Watch on Friday, 12/20
 - Skywatch on Saturday, 12/21
 - Corn Watch on Friday, 12/27
 - Nightwatch on Saturday, 12/28
- January
 - Club meeting at Virginia Beach TCC on Thursday, 01/09 (rescheduled from 01/02)
 - Saturday "SUN" Day on Saturday, 01/11
 - Corn Watch on Friday, 01/17
 - Skywatch on Saturday, 01/18
 - Galaxy Night on Friday, 01/24
 - Corn Watch on Friday, 01/24
 - Nightwatch on Saturday, 01/25
 - Garden Stars at Norfolk Botanical Gardens on Thursday, 01/30

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

Treasurer's Report (Chuck Jagow):

- General Fund: \$3,630.15
- Primary Scholarship Fund: \$1.52
- GJ Scholarship Fund: \$1,354.00
- Total Funds: \$4,985.67
- 143 Total Members
- 127 Regular Paid Members
- 2 Associate Members
- 13 AL Members
- 5 Honorary Members
- Discussed possibly moving the date of paying dues so that all members pay at the same time of the year, making it easier to keep track of paid memberships.
- Mentioned that there is a new requirement on permit stating city of Chesapeake has to be named as a co-insured on policy; Chuck contacted insurance company and got advice about who to list. Suggested listing Chesapeake, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Suffolk, Carrollton, Hampton. Taking other suggestions of additional locations (cities) to add. Will resend new insurance policy for permit once new locations are added.

Scholarship Committee Report (Ben Loyola): no report.

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

Alcor Report (Bruce Powers): no report.

Old Business:

- GJ tickets are still on sale to be pulled during raffle on Saturday. Speak to officers to purchase tickets.

New Business:

- Fort Munroe inquired in November if BBAA would be interested in participating in a night sky program. Scheduling is flexible, suggestions included [potentially] a quarterly frequency on a Friday or Saturday
- George had a pin for an observing award from the Night Sky Network that he gave to Jeff
- George stated "Red Henry" from Winchester makes telescope eye pieces out of old binocular eyepieces for free and sent him four of them
- Chuck recommended dedicating Skywatch events in Oct/Nov or a couple meetings throughout the year to people who want to buy telescopes, allow visitors to show up a couple of hours early to learn more about the equipment instead of just looking at the sky. Shawn mentioned that advertising for those events would be very important.

Observing Reports & Announcements:

- Chuck mentioned going to 4H event with his small Orion dobsonian. Stayed in the field for about 40 minutes. Extreme light pollution in location so even viewing the moon was difficult.
- Shawn mentioned that he saw a bright flash in the sky around the time of the meteor shower and asked if anyone else saw it. Also stated that his new Google Pixel 4 phone takes great astronomy photos.
- Shawn asking for suggestions on presentations during 2020. If anyone is interested in speaking, please speak with him.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.