

## **BBAA Astronomy Club January 9, 2020 (TCC JC-13)**

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

Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

- 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
  - Galaxies Night Hike 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
- February
  - Club meeting at Virginia Beach TCC on Thursday, 02/06
  - Astronomy Enrichment Session @ OLES with George on 02/04, 02/11, 02/18, 02/25
  - Boy Scouts Freezery on Saturday, 02/08
  - Saturday "SUN" Day on Saturday, 02/08
  - Corn Watch on Friday, 2/14
  - Skywatch on Saturday, 2/15
  - Corn Watch on Friday, 2/21
  - Nightwatch on Saturday, 2/22

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

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

- General Fund: \$5,658.74
- Primary Scholarship Fund: \$1,187.52
- GJ Scholarship Fund: \$1,354.00
- Total Funds: \$8,300.26
- 149 Total Members
- 129 Regular Paid Members
- 2 Associate Members
- 13 AL Members
- 5 Honorary Members
- **59 Delinquent Members**

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

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

**Alcor Report (Bruce Powers):** no report.

### **Old Business:**

- Groups.io is \$10/month. Chuck is getting subscription switched over to the BBAA bank account.

### **New Business:**

- Opening for store coordinator (volunteer position). Volunteer would handle getting the order together and handing out clothes. Please contact Shawn if you are interested.
- The BBAA summer picnic will be held on July 25th at Elizabeth River Park in Chesapeake.
- Will continue brainstorming ideas for the GJ Scholarship raffle in December.
- Staunton River Star Party @ Staunton River State Park will start on Monday, 03/23 and continue until Sunday, 03/29

**Observing Reports & Announcements:** George mentioned viewing the moon during the early morning hours. Venus is currently shining in the West around sunset. Bill advised that Betelgeuse is dimming, but it is expected - and likely will not supernova anytime soon. :(

**Speaker 1:** David Dickinson

David Dickinson is an amateur astronomer and freelance science writer for Universe Today. He shared his published book, *The Universe Today Ultimate Guide to Viewing The Cosmos: Everything You Need to Know to Become an Amateur Astronomer*, and gave a talk about the Starlink satellites and their predicted effects on amateur astronomy.

**Speaker 2:** Rich Roberts

Rich Roberts is a local astronomer and variable star observer. He is the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO)'s Long Period Variable Section Leader. He gave a presentation on variable stars, star classifications, and some of the physics behind it all.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.**