

## **BBAA Astronomy Club February, 6 2020 (TCC JC-13)**

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

Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

- 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 Freezerie 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
- March
  - Deep Creek Elementary's Annual Science Night on Tuesday, 03/03
  - Club meeting at Virginia Beach TCC on Thursday, 03/05
  - Skywatch on Saturday, 03/14
  - Nansemond-Suffolk Academy's Lower School Science Night on Wednesday, 03/18
  - Corn Watch on Friday, 03/20
  - Nightwatch on Saturday, 03/21
  - Staunton River Star Party, 03/23 - 03/29
  - Corn Watch on Friday, 03/27
  - Earth Hour at First Landing State Park on Saturday, 03/28
  - Garden Stars on Tuesday, 03/31

Requests: Volunteers needed for outreach events. To volunteer: Go to BBAA calendar online, click on the event you'd like to support, and RVSP with a message stating your interest in attending/supporting.

Additional announcements: Night Sky Network pins awarded to Shawn Loescher, Chuck Jagow, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Bird Taylor, Chad and Caitlin, Bob Berline, Michael Webster, Jeff Goldstein, and Jeff Thornton for notable activity in BBAA. Congratulations to all!

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

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

- General Fund: \$6,189.58
- Primary Scholarship Fund: \$1,189.52
- GJ Scholarship Fund: \$1,354.00
- Total Funds: \$8,733.10
- 118 Total Members
- 98 Regular Paid Members
- 2 Associate Members
- 13 AL Members
- 5 Honorary 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:**

- Will continue brainstorming ideas for the GJ Scholarship raffle in December. Raffling an eyepiece was suggested and an informal poll may be conducted to obtain recommendations/favorite products.
- Chuck took care of corporate information with state corporate committee and renewed PO box.

**New Business:**

- Reminder that March 8 is the beginning of Daylight Saving Time - don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour!
- JPL scientist was contacted and is interested in doing a live presentation during next meeting via WebEx.

**Observing Reports & Announcements:** Jupiter is visible in the early morning hours.

**Speaker:** 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 the stellar life cycle, observing variable stars, and how amateur astronomers are able to contribute to science.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.**