

BBAA Astronomy Club May, 7 2020 (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

Shawn Loescher (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Vice President Events Report (read by George Reynolds):

- May
 - o All meetings cancelled due to social distancing measures set by the Governor of Virginia
- June
 - o Club Meeting (Zoom) on 06/04
 - o Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, 06/12
 - o Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, 06/13
 - o Girl Scout Astronomy Club Training, 06/14
 - o Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, 06/19
 - o Nightwatch @ Chippokes Plantation State Park, 06/20
 - o Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Garden, 06/25

Note: Events are tentative and are subject to rescheduling or cancellation due to updated COVID-19 notices.

Secretary's Report (Kayla Dio Robinson): Updated on completion of Spring semester classes and upcoming summer internship at NASA Langley Research Center.

Treasurer's Report (Chuck Jagow):

- General Fund: \$5,928.88
- Primary Scholarship Fund: \$1,189.52
- GJ Scholarship Fund: \$1,604.00
- Total Funds: \$9,566.57
- 119 Total Members
- 98 Regular Paid Members
- 2 Associate Members
- 14 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): Gave overview of ALCOR organization, benefits, and how to join. For more information please contact alcor@backbayastro.org.

Old Business:

- T-shirt order was completed, to participate in the next shirt order please contact our treasurer, Chuck Jagow, at treasurer@backbayastro.org. There are some leftover shirts that are able to be purchased as-is (3 L, 3 M, some XXL in varying colors).
- In response to a BBAA poll, the GJ raffle prize will be a Pentax eyepiece. Size TBD.

New Business:

- No new business.

Observing Reports & Announcements: There will be a supermoon tonight. There was a comet recently visible for a few days but broke up sooner than previously predicted.

Speaker: George Reynolds

Along with being the Vice President of BBAA, George Reynolds is an experienced amateur astronomer and JPL Solar System Ambassador. He gave a presentation on the 88 constellations and techniques to find them in the sky.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.