

BBAA Astronomy Club October 1, 2020 (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

George Reynolds (Vice President)

Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Vice President Events Report (read by George Reynolds):

- Saturday "Sun" day @ Elizabeth River Park, 10/03
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, 10/09
- Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, 10/10
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, 10/16
- Nightwatch @ Chippokes Plantation State Park, 10/17
- Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Garden, 10/22
- BBAA Club Meeting Via Zoom, 11/05
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, 11/06
- Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, 11/07
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, 11/13
- Nightwatch @ Chippokes Plantation State Park, 11/14

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.

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

Treasurer's Report (Chuck Jagow):

- General Fund: \$4,554.67
- Primary Scholarship Fund: \$179.52
- GJ Scholarship Fund: \$1,604.00
- Total Funds: \$6,338.19
- Group IO expenses: \$10 per month
- 121 Total Members
- 100 Regular Paid Members
- 2 Associate Members

- 14 AL Members
- 5 Honorary Member

Speaker: Ted Forte

President Emeritus of BBAA, presented from his home and observatory in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Ted is an honorary lifetime member and past president of the BBAA. He currently resides in Sierra Vista, Arizona where he is director of the Patterson Observatory and an officer of the Huachuca Astronomy Club. He is also a Solar System Ambassador.

Ted told us about the sample mission to asteroid Bennu, which is a mission of spacecraft OSIRIS-REX. Ted's presentation, "Bits of Bennu" describe the OSIRIS REx Asteroid Sample Return Mission and its upcoming sample collection event. Launched in 2016, OSIRIS REx arrived at asteroid Bennu (101955) in December of 2018 and will return a sample of the asteroid to Earth in September 2023.

The OSIRIS Rex mission is a collaboration of the University of Arizona, NASA Goddard, and Lockheed Martin. Ted has been an OSIRIS REx mission ambassador since 2013.

Ted also gave us a virtual tour of his 30 by 30 foot roll off roof Observatory in Sierra Vista.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.