

**BBAA Astronomy Club meeting July 17, 2021, Elizabeth River Park in conjunction with the BBAA annual Picnic.**

**Shawn Loescher** (President)

Called meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

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

**July 2021**

- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, 7/2
- Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, 7/3
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, 7/9
- Nightwatch @ Chippokes Plantation State Park, 7/10
- Garden Stars @ NBG, 7/15 8:30PM
- BBAA Summer Picnic / Meeting @ Elizabeth River Park 7/17 @ 11:00 AM
- Family Stargazing @ Little Creek 7/19 8:30 PM
- Boardwalk Astronomy @ VB Boardwalk 7/20 @ 6 PM
- Saturday “SUN”day@ Elizabeth River Park 7/24 10 AM
- Galaxies Night Hike @ Sleepy Hole Park 7/30 9 PM

**August 2021**

- BBAA Club Meeting @ TCC, 8/5 @ 7:30 PM Also broadcast on Facebook live and Zoom.
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, 8/6
- Nightwatch @ Chippokes Plantation State Park, 8/7
- Garden Stars @ NBG, 8/12@ 8:30PM
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, 8/13
- Boardwalk Astronomy @ VB Boardwalk 8/17 @ 6 PM
- Saturday “SUN”day@ Elizabeth River Park 8/21@ 10:00 AM
- Ghent Market Shops/Muse Re-Opening 8/21 @ 4 PM to 10 PM
- Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, 8/28

**Secretary’s Report**

A motion was made to dispense in the reading of the minutes, which was approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

No report this month due to the Treasurer absent.

**Scholarship Report:**

No report.

### **Alcor Report:**

Robert Powers reports that the Astronomical League is 75 years old this year and a wealth of information is available on the AL website, <https://www.astroleague.org/>. Also, a special lapel pin is available to celebrate this milestone for any member that wants one. Just go to the AL website and request one.

Robert Powers presented our Vice President George Reynolds with three Astronomical League outreach awards! The Outreach Award, which requires a minimum of five events; the Stellar Outreach Award, which requires an additional 50 hours of outreach programs; and the Master Outreach Award, which requires an additional 100 hours of outreach programs. All well-deserved! All in all, George has contributed over 800 hours in the last seven years to the BBAA outreach programs. These awards are way overdue. Congratulations, George!

### **RRRT Report:**

Bird was not in attendance, so no report. However, the telescope is up and running currently.

### **Old Business:**

T-shirt orders are in and should be available by the August boardwalk astronomy event.

Shawn Loescher attended a zoom meeting given by the Barry Art Museum that is located on the campus of ODU University, and they are sponsoring a big event in celebration of International Observe the Moon Night, or IOMN. On the weekend of Oct. 15 to 17, they are expecting many visitors and they want the BBAA to attend each night with telescopes available for viewing the night sky. This should be the biggest event of the year for our club. The university will have the "Museum of the Moon," a large-scale touring exhibition that has been presented in more than 30 countries and has been experienced by more than 10 million people. It's twenty-three feet in diameter and highly detailed, and the Moon was built to an approximate ratio of 1:500,000. This website has more information regarding the event:

<https://barryartmuseum.odu.edu/exhibition/luke-jerram-the-museum-of-the-moon/>

The University also donated three telescopes to the club for our outreach programs.

Shawn Loescher submitted a non-binding informal agreement for *the Music and Astronomy Ambassador Program: Bringing Science to Underserved Groups at Free Outdoor Concerts and Cultural Festivals (MAAP)* grant proposal. The BBAA board members understand that this grant is for three years running from 2022-2024 with the first events beginning in the Summer or Fall of 2022. The BBAA understands that one member will need to attend development meetings that will be paid for by the grant. BBAA also agrees to participate in three events per year, of our choosing and 1-2 per year after the grant.

### **Observing Reports:**

Several reports were reported, but the secretary failed to record them.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM**