

Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2023

Called to order @ 7:31 PM, @ at TCC by President George Reynolds

Members in Attendance:

Jacob Daniel, Bruce Powers, Andre Ledger, Sebastian Andresko, Eddie Parris, Chuck Grim Daniel McGill, Pat McGill, George Reynolds, Jeff Goldstein, Ana Kohlway, David Shouldice, Christian Andrejen, Matt McLaughlin, Tom Flatley, Mark Wilson, Jeff Edmondson, Elijah Salters, Daylan Wolfe, Jamaun Grice, Leah Flax, Keven Brooks, Kevin Mitchell.

REPORTS:

Events Report: Vice President, Jeff Goldstein

Calendar:

- BBAA General meeting 2/2 @ TCC
- Constellation and Night Sky Clock 2/6
- Astronomy Club Scout Viewing 2/6
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 2/11
- Saturday "SUN" Day 2/25
- Garden Stars 2/28
- Astronomy 101 Class #2 3/1
- Club Meeting – TCC (VB Campus) 3/2
- Symphonicity's Masterworks 111 Concert: Earthrise 3/5
- WBP STEAM DAY 3/10
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 3/11
- Saturday "SUN" Day 3/25
- Hickory High School Light's Out Stargazing Night 3/27
- Garden Stars 3/28
- Astronomy 101 Class #3 3/30

Treasurer's Report (Richard Roberts):

We ended January with a total balance of \$7171.18

This was an increase of \$1,537.24 over the previous month. The large increase was due to most of the members renewing their membership. The account breakdown is as follows:

- **General fund = \$5,925.60**
- **Primary Scholarship = \$453.29**
- **Georgie June Scholarship = \$1,070.00**

We have sufficient funds in the general fund to pay all our bills for the upcoming year and GJ (Georgie June fund) is fully funded. We need just over \$1000.00 more in the Primary fund scholarship. The bulk of this gap will come from the \$750.00 we are owed by the City of Virginia Beach for Boardwalk Astronomy. Chuck Dibbs has been telling me the check is on the way, but I have yet to receive it.

We had a big membership month with 18 new members. This brings us to a total of 195 members on the roster. This number will go down considerably in February as 42 members are delinquent in their dues and will be removed from the roster soon.

Secretary's Report: (Eddie Parris)

The reading of the January's minutes was waived and seconded

Scholarship Report: (Benito Loyola)

Based on the Treasury report the Scholarship Committee, Ben Loyola and Matt Mclaughlin, has set the 2023 BBAA Scholarship at \$1,500 and the Georgie June Scholarship at \$1,000. Applications are due Postmarked by 1 May.

ALCOR Report: (Bruce Powers)

Bruce gave an overview of what the Astronomical League's mission is and that they publish a quarterly magazine.

Old Business:

Updating Bylaws

New Business:

No new Business reported.

Observing Reports:

The Comet (C/2022 ZTF) was viewed by several members. Eddie Parris Shared his imaging of the comet. Other Celestial objects observed were Andromeda, Pleiades, Jupiter and the Moon.

Feature Event: VP Jeff Goldstein gave a presentation on "Celestial Navigation in Astronomy" How much do you really know! His presentation was very informative on the use of a Sextant instrument as a navigational tool to measure angular distances between visible objects.

Note: at the beginning of the meeting George Reynolds gave out door prize tickets to attending members. The prize was a Book by David Levy entitled "Skywatching" The winning ticket belonged to member Daniel McGill.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:04 PM