

Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023

Called to order @ 7:30 PM, @ at TCC by Vice President Jeff Goldstein

Members in Attendance:

Ana Kohlway, Shawn Loescher, Jeff Thornton, Eddie Parris, Jeff Goldstein, Matt McLaughlin, Sam Bartholomew, Kirt Kerr, Kevin Brooks, Patrick Vartuli, Katie Marchi, James Sorenson, Sebastian Andrew, Christian Andrew, Elk Melton, Damien Twyman.

REPORTS:

Events Report: Vice President, Jeff Goldstein

Calendar:

- 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
- Club Meeting- TCC (VB Campus) 4/6
- Spring Into STEM, Portsmouth Coalition for Youth 4/12
- Skywatch@ Northwest River Park 4/15
- Dowdy Park Star Party 4/21-22
- NC Star Viewing (Dismal Swamp) "Celebrating the Night Sky" 4/22
- Astronomy 101- Class #4 4/25
- Malibu Elementary Science Night 4/26
- Brookwood Elementary STEAM Night 4/27
- Garden Stars 4/27
- Saturday "SUN" Day 4/29
- Club Meeting- TCC (VB Campus) 5/4

Treasurer's Report (Richard Roberts):

- **General fund = \$5,821.86**
- **Primary Scholarship = \$1,003.29**
- **Georgie June Scholarship = \$1,070.00**

Secretary's Report:

The reading of the February's minutes was read by Eddie Parris

ALCOR Report: (Bruce Powers)

Bruce is working on a East Coast Star Party replacement @ Chippokes. Site survey is being led by Shawn, Rich and others. Ben Richard will be sponsoring the meeting. It will be held at the Chippokes State Park Visitors Center @ 10AM 3/4/23. Open to everyone.

Scholarship Report (Benito Loyola)

Reports money coming in and all applications have been sent into the various cities and received confirmations. We owe our web master for 2023 application for the Georgie June & the Back Bay Amateur Astronomers application. Due date is May 1st

Old Business:

Raffle tickets are being sold for a Celestron Telescope. \$5.00per/ticket The Drawing will be April 6,2023 at the BBAA meeting.

New Business:

Shaun proposed having a central location for all these requests we have been receiving from all these scout requests.

Observing Reports:

George stated that at the Kempsville Rec Center they had 25 to 30 guests. They observed the conjunction between Jupiter and Venus in between the clouds and also the Orion Nebula. Inside George gave a class on beginning Astronomy with a show and tell of the tools of the trade.

Feature Event: Planetarium show on Mars! (Which can be seen on YouTube)

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:45PM