

# **Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes**

**APRIL 6, 2023**

**Called to order @ 7:30 PM, @ at TCC by President George Reynolds**

## **Members in Attendance:**

Ana Kohlway, Shawn Loescher, Jeff Thornton, Eddie Parris, Jeff Goldstein, Sam Bartholomew, Kevin Brooks, James Sorenson, Sebastian Andrew, Christian Andres, George Reynolds, Curtis Lambert, Michael Russo, David Shouldice, Likhita Raparti, Andre Ledger, Neil Alford, Cody Murray, Leah Flax, Kevin Mitchell

## **REPORTS:**

**Events Report: Vice President, Jeff Goldstein**

### **Calendar:**

- Club Meeting- TCC (VB Campus) 4/6
- Spring into STEM, Portsmouth Coalition for Youth 4/12
- Science Day at Nansemond Suffolk Academy 4/14
- Pack 901 Tiger Den Adventures 6:00-7:00 4/15, before Skywatch
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 8:00-12:00 4/15
- Dowdy Park Star Party 4/21-4/22
- NC Star Viewing (Dismal Swamp) "Celebrating the Night Sky" 4/22
- Hickory High School Lights Out Stargazing Night 4/24
- Astronomy 101 Class #4 4/25
- Malibu Elementary Science Night 4/26
- Brookwood Elementary STEAM Night 4/27
- Garden Stars 4/27
- OLES Steam night 4/28
- Saturday "SUN" Day 4/29
- International Astronomy Day 4/29

**Treasurer's Report (Richard Roberts): The treasures report was accepted.**

- **General fund = \$5,370.80**
- **Primary Scholarship = \$2,568.29**
- **Georgie June Scholarship = 1,575.00**

**Secretary's Report: The readings of the March minutes was read by Eddie Parris and was accepted.**

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

**ALCOR Report: (Bruce Powers)**

Bruce stated we did not have any members' awards in this month's Reflector magazine. He encourages everyone to look into these awards.

**Scholarship Report (Benito Loyola) absent.**

George Reynolds stated that Scholarship applications have been sent out to the schools and online. Online applications are due the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Applicants have to provide their GPA and a copy of their SAT or ACT scores. Also, a recommendation from their teacher and a 500-word essay stating what they like or their experience with Astronomy.

**Old Business:**

We had an apparel order which was given out. The EAST COAST STAR PARTY (Sept 14-17) @ Chippokes Plantation Park was also discussed and informed everyone that Shawn Loescher had put together a web page which can be viewed in the BBAA website containing the dates. Time and costs and accommodations.

**New Business:**

Jeff Goldstein wrote a letter to Chip and Joanna Gaines in WACO Texas about our clubs interest in attending there SOLAR ECLIPSE OUTREACH

**Observing Reports:**

Bruce Powers shared his experience at the Staunton River Star Party. He had four good nights of logging and observing. He found (M109) 82 million light years away! Jeff Thornton shared about his recent trip to Iceland and his observance of the Aurora Borealis!

**Feature Event: Meteorites! By Mark Oast (which can be seen on YouTube)**

**Meeting Adjourned @ 9:00PM**