

# **BBAA Meeting Minutes**

**JULY 15, 2023**

The July meeting of the Back Bay Amateur Astronomers was held at Elizabeth River Park during the annual BBAA family picnic. President George Reynolds called the meeting to order about 2:00pm.

## **Members in Attendance:**

A total of 33 club members and their families and friends attended the picnic. They were: Riley Brauer (Eddie's grandson), Skipper and Becky Brown, Chris and Betsy Burris, Samantha Burris, Scott Burris, Amy Dandrade, Gabriel Dandrade, Jacob Daniel, Eric and Kim Fadely, Jeff and Linda Goldstein, Ana Kohlway, Brian LaFitte, Alex Miragliotta, Ray Moody, Ron and Chana Neale, Eddie Parris, Bruce Powers, George and Linda Reynolds, Nathaniel Rowland, Jonathan Scheetz, David and Mrs. Shouldice, Mel Spruill, Evan Stallings, Paul Tartabini, Patrick Vartuli, and Skylay Waechter.

## **REPORTS:**

There were no reports from the Secretary or Treasurer or Vice President

### **Calendar:**

- Garden Stars 7/27 @8:30-10:00pm
- Saturday "SUN" Day @ Elizabeth River Park 7/29 @10:00am
- Club Meeting 8/3 @ 7:30-9:00pm VB Campus
- Southern DSO "Fuzzies" Cornucopia 8/5 @ 9:00pm-12:00pm Knotts Island N.C
- Croatan Star Gazing 8/10 @8:30-10:00pm
- Skywatch@ Northwest River Park 8/12-8/13 @ 8:00-11:59pm
- Perseid Meteor Shower 8/12 @ 11:00pm-3:30am
- Garden Stars 8/24 @ 8:30-10:00pm
- Saturday "SUN" Day @ Elizabeth River Park 8/26 @ 10:00-1:00pm
- Boardwalk Astronomy #4 8/29 @6:00-11:00pm

### **Old Business:**

George has some BBAA T-shirts for sale, in various sizes of light blue or grey.

Bruce Powers gave a brief update on the status of planning for the re-establishment of the East Coast Star Party. It will be held at Chippokes State Park (CSP) from Thursday September 14 through Sunday morning September 17. Coordination is being made with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The ECSP committee will make a site visit one Saturday in August, depending on the preference of DCR representative Ann Zahn.

**New Business: None.**

**Observing Reports:**

Several members gave their reports of seeing bright crescent Venus and multiple sunspots and prominences on the sun.

George gave each picnic attendee at least two back issues of *Sky & Telescope* magazine. Three green laser pointers were given as door prizes. The winners were Chris Burris, Riley Brauer, and Bruce Powers. The items are on order and will be awarded at the next BBAA function.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 2:45pm.**