

# **Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes**

**August 3, 2023**

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

## **Members in Attendance:**

Sam Bartholomew, Kevin Brooks, Gabriel Dandrade, Jacob Daniel, Eric Fadely, James M. Green, Kirt Kerr, Brian LaFitte, Shawn Loescher, Ben Loyola, Larry Meyer, Eddie Parris, Bruce Powers, George Reynolds, Michael Russo, Bill Rust, David Shouldice, Richard Smith, Paul Sood, James Sorenson, Patrick Vartuli, Les Wilson, Jeff Goldstien.

## **ZOOM Attendees:**

Roland Downing, Samantha Mahon, Sandy Paxson, Rich Roberts, Jonathan Scheetz.

## **REPORTS:**

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

### **Calendar:**

- Club Meeting- TCC (VB Campus) 8/3
- Southern DSO “Fuzzies” Cornucopia Knotts Island 8/6 9:00-12:00pm
- Croatan Star Gazing 8/10 8:30-10:00pm
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 8/12 8:00-11:59pm
- Perseid Meteor Shower Windsor, VA. 8/12-8/13 11:00pm-3:30am
- Garden Stars 8/24 8:30-10:00pm
- Saturday “SUN” Day 8/26 10:00-1:00pm
- Boardwalk Astronomy #4 8/29 6:00-11:00pm
- Club Meeting- TCC (VB Campus) 9/7
- 2023 Great Navy Campout & Stargazing Fort Story Campgrounds 9/8 9:00-10:30pm
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 9/9 7:00-11:00pm
- East Coast Star Party (Fall 2023) Chippokes State Park 9/14-9/17 2:00pm-12:00am
- Kempsville Rec Center 9/20 7:30-9:00pm
- Garden Stars 9/21 8:00-9:00pm
- Night Hike @ Northwest River Park 9/22 7:00-9:30pm
- Saturday “SUN” Day 9/23 10:00-1:00pm
- Boardwalk Astronomy #5 9/25 6:00-11:00p

### **Treasurer's Report (Richard Roberts):**

- **General fund = \$5,550.48**
- **Primary Scholarship = \$1,328.29**
- **Georgie June Scholarship = \$900.00**

#### **MEMBERSHIP DATA**

- **Honorary Members = 4**
- **Associate Members w/AL = 8**
- **Associate Members = 2**
- **Regular Members = 163**

**Total Members on Roster = 177**

### **Secretary's Report: (Eddie Parris)**

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

#### **ALCOR Report: (Bruce Powers)**

No ALCOR Report

### **Scholarship Report & Award of Scholarship's (Benito Loyola)**

All checks were presented last month and cashed.

### **RRRT Report**

The (Rapid Response Reflector Telescope) is not in service right now due to it being serviced (Mirror is being resilvered).

#### **Old Business:**

We have BBAA apparel available. We have Eclipse Glasses for sale in preparation of the 2024 Solar eclipse on April 8th which are \$2.00 each. Oct 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a partial eclipse.

#### **New Business:**

Shawn Loescher proposed we sell the eclipse glasses at \$1.00 each which would still bring in a profit. The motion was approved and seconded. George Reynolds reiterated that the month of October will be very busy. We will need as many volunteers as we can get for upcoming events.

#### **Observing Reports:**

Gabriel Dandrade observed the Super Moon that we had a few days ago. Bill Rust observed the Dumbbell Nebula. Paul Sood observed and photographed Sunspots. Georgerd Reynolds shared about our past Saturday "SUN" Day event in which we saw several Sunspots and Solar flares. Bruce Powers shared his

interest in spectroscopy photography. George shared about our last Skywatch event in which we had about 20 visitors.

## **Meeting feature: Star Parties by Bruce Powers**

Bruce Powers gave an excellent presentation on star parties and why we should consider attending them. He included information and photos of the Staunton River Star Party, The Green Bank Star Quest, The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stellafane in Vermont, and the plans for the upcoming East Coast Star Party at Chippokes State Park.

**Note:** at the beginning of the meeting George Reynolds gave out door prize tickets to attending members. They were three sets of NASA lithographs. The three winning tickets were called and awarded to the three lucky winners!

**Meeting Adjourned @ 9:06PM**