

Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2023

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

Members in Attendance:

David Shouldice, Kevin Mitchell, Jeff Goldstein, Jeremy Mitchell, Shawn Loescher, Kirt Kerr, Bill Rust, Andy McKay, Benito Loyola, Brian Morgan, James Sorenson, Jacob Daniel, Bruce Powers, Jeff Edmondson, Aaron Weaver, Shawn Weaver, Tim Hord, Eric Fadely,

ZOOM Attendees:

Rich Roberts, Chuck, Roland Downing, Jeff Thornton, Kevin Brooks, Tom Flatley

REPORTS:

Events Report: Vice President, Jeff Goldstein

Calendar of Events

- Club Meeting- TCC (VB Campus) 12/7/23 7:30-9:00pm
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park 12/8/23
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 12/9/23 5:00-9:00pm
- Geminids Meteor Shower 12/13-12/14/23 11:00pm-3:00am
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park 12/15/23
- BBAA Annual Anniversary Luncheon 12/16/23 12:00-3:00pm
- Nightwatch @ Chippokes Plantation State Park 12/16-12/17/23 5:00-6:00am
- Club Meeting- TCC (VB Campus) 1/4/24 7:30-9:00pm
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park 1/5/24
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 1/6/24 5:00-9:00pm
- Comet Watch 12P/Pons-Brooks 1/7/24 6:00-8:00pm
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park 1/12/24
- Winter Star Party @ Jockey's Ridge State Park 1/13/24 4:30-9:00pm
- Nightwatch @ Chippokes Plantation State Park 1/13-1/14/24 5:00-6:00am
- Garden Stars Norfolk Botanical Gardens 1/18/24 7:00-8:30pm
- Saturday "SUN" Day Elizabeth River Park 1/20/24 10:00am-1:00pm
- Trail Life VA4031 Astronomy Lesson 1/22/24 7:30-8:30pm
- Greenbrier Primary STEAM Day Greenbrier Primary 1/24/24 7:50am-1:50pm

Treasurer's Report (Richard Roberts):

- **General fund = \$5,381.27**
- **Primary Scholarship = \$1,368.29**
- **Georgie June Scholarship = \$7,149.58**

MEMBERSHIP DATA

- **Honorary Members = 4**
- **Associate Members w/AL = 11**
- **Associate Members = 2**
- **Regular Members = 189**

Total Members on Roster = 206

(Membership renewals will be sent out in December)

Secretary's Report: (Eddie Parris absent)

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

Scholarship Report & Award of Scholarship's

There was no new news to report.

RRRT Report

Rapid Response Robotic Telescope, a million-dollar telescope which is available to all members to use is now operational.

ALCOR Report (Bruce Powers)

There was no ALCOR report given.

OLD Business:

The Georgie June Scholarship raffle was discussed and proposed that we raffle off a Celestron 5" StarSense Schmidt Cassegrain Telescope. The tickets will be sold up until April for \$5.00 each and the winning ticket will be drawn in April 4th. Badges were discussed last meeting and Jeff showed how the Badges will look like.

There was a motion to move \$500.00 from the General Fund to the Georgie June Scholarship Fund which was anonymously approved and seconded. Bruce spoke about the next East Coast Star Party the discussions they are having with the park and the dates.

Observing Reports:

Jeff Edmonds shared that on the night of Thanksgiving he observed Saturn with his family. Another member observed Jupiter. Shawn posted about a Comet he observed.

Meeting features: TCC Planetarium Show "The Seven Wonders OF The World"

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:00PM