

Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes
April 4,2024 by President George Reynolds
Called to order @ 7:50 PM, @ TCC

Members in Attendance:

Shawn Loescher, Jeff Edmondson, Jeremy Mitchell, Jesse Bass, Cristal Bass, Matt McLaughlin, Ana Kohlway, Eric Fadely, Merel Cook, Kirt Kerr, Bill Rust, Bob Beuerlein, Michael Connly, Evan Stallings, George Reynolds.

ZOOM Attendees:

Eddie Parris, Jeff Goldstein.

REPORTS:

Events Report: President, George Reynolds

Calendar:

- Statewide Star Party: OBX 4/5/2024 6:30pm-10:00pm
- Skywatch (Beginner Campground) @ Northwest River Park 4/6/2024 6:30pm-11:00pm
- Statewide Star Party (Dismal Swamp) 4/6/2024 3:00pm-5:00pm
- Total Eclipse of 2024 (78% obscured in Tidewater) NN Library 4/8/2024 1:50-4:30pm
- Kempsville Rec Center Astronomy (Cancelled) 101 4/11/2024 7:30pm-9:00pm
- Stargazing at the Fort Story Campgrounds 4/12/24 8:30pm-10:00pm
- Tidewater Master Naturalist Monthly Program 4/17/2024 7:00pm-7:45pm
- Garden Stars 4/18/2024 8:30pm-10:00pm
- Girl Scout SU 240 Encampment 4/20/24 8:00pm-9:00pm
- Saturday "SUN" Day 4/20//2024 10:00am-1:00pm
- Malibu Science Night 4/24/2024 6:00pm-7:30pm
- STEAM Night 2024 George Washington Carver Intermediate School 4/25/24 6:00pm-7:30pm
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 4/27/24 8:00pm-12:00am
- Girl Scout Sun Viewing Party 4/28/24 12:00pm-2:00pm
- Club Meeting – TCC (VB Campus) 5/2/24 7:30pm-9:00pm
- Star Wars (May the 4th Be With You) Extra Boardwalk Event 5/4/24 6:00pm-11:00pm
- East Coast Star Party (Spring 2024) 5/9/24-5/12/24 2:00pm-12:00am
- Boardwalk Astronomy #1 5/14/24 6:00pm-11:00pm
- International Astronomy Day 5/18/24 11:00am-2:00pm
- Saturday "SUN" Day 5/18/24 10:00am-1:00pm
- Garden Stars 5/23/2024 8:30pm-10:00pm
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 5/25/24 8:00pm-12:00am

Secretary's Report: (Eddie Parris)

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

Treasurer's Report (Richard Roberts absent)

ALCOR Report (Bruce Powers absent) report was given by Shawn Loescher.

Congratulations to Johnathan Scheetz for receiving the planetary nebula award.

Scholarship Report & Award of Scholarship's (Benito Loyola absent)

We are expecting applications to come from the schools this month. The deadline is May 1st. The second week of May. the scholarship committee well get together to review the applications.

RRRT Report (no report was given)

Old Business:

Clothing apparel orders were discussed. The silk screen proposal was discussed. A motion was proposed that Shawn Loescher take the initiative to buy the 40 blank t-shirts and create a logo for the upcoming ECSP event. The proposal was voted on and seconded for approval.

New Business:

George brought up that we have a lot of events coming up and that we need more volunteers to cover the events. Also, how we can have better communication with event organizers that are cancelling events without informing us.

Observing Reports:

There was a report by our local Weatherman and club member Jeff Edmondson on the weather effecting the upcoming Total Eclipse.

Meeting features: Solar filters when to use.

A club member gave a report on solar filters when to use them and not to. He also gave information on camera filters for the eclipse.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:00PM