

Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes
August 1,2024
Called to order by President George Reynolds @ 7:33 PM, @ TCC

Members in Attendance:

John Almeter, Sam Bartholomew, Joseph Brown, Jacob Daniel, Jeff Goldstein, Michael Hall, Matt McLaughlin, Bruce Powers, George Reynolds, David Shouldice, George Moreland, Eddie Parris, Audra Jones, Jeremy Mitchell, Michael Russo, Evan Stallings.

ZOOM Attendees:

Kevin Brooks, Roland Downing, Derrick McDonald, Rich Roberts, Jeff Thornton.

REPORTS:

Events Report: Vice President Jeff Goldstein

Calendar:

- Fall Astronomy Day @ Portsmouth Public Library 8/7/2024 10:00am-11:30pm
- NAVSTA Norfolk MWR Great Navy Campout 8/10/2024 5:00pm-10:00pm
- Perseids Meteor Watch @ Windsor VA 8/12/2024 11:30pm-4:00am
- Boardwalk Astronomy #4 8/13/2024 6:00pm-11:00pm
- Jupiter/Mars Conjunction @ Boardwalk Astronomy Site 8/14/2024 4:00am-6:00pm
- Garden Stars 8/15/2024 8:30pm-10:00pm
- Great Navy Campout @ Strike Zone Bowling Center Portsmouth VA 8/16/2024 6:00pm-10:00pm
- Saturday "SUN" Day 8/17/2024 10:00am-1:00pm
- Back to School Bash @ Yorktown VA 8/24/2024 6:00pm
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 8/31/2024 7:30pm-11:30pm
- Club Meeting- TCC (VB Campus) 9/5/2024 7:30-9:00pm
- York River State Park Stargazing @Williamsburg, VA 9/7/24-9/8/24 6:00pm-5:00am
- Boardwalk Astronomy #5 9/10/24 6-11pm
- Garden Stars 9/12/2024 8:00pm-9:30pm

- Saturday “SUN” Day 9/21/2024 10:00am-1:00pm
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 9/28/2024 7:00pm-11:00am
- York River State Park Stargazing @Williamsburg, VA 9/28/24-9/29/24 6:00pm-5:00am

Note: the 3rd Friday of every month there is a viewing at Fort Monroe Campground in Portsmouth, VA

Secretary’s Report: (Eddie Parris)

Last Month’s Minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurer’s Report (Richard Roberts)

- **General Fund = 8,940.02**
- **Primary Scholarship = 1,455.29**
- **Georgie June Scholarship = 1,009.00**

Membership Data

- **Honorary Members = 5**
- **Associate Members w/AL = 7**
- **Associate Members = 3**
- **Regular Members = 175**

Total Members on Roster = 190

The Treasurer’s report was read and accepted.

Scholarship Report (Benito Loyola)

Two Scholarships were given out. We were also asked by the City of Virginia Beach to take over the Nick Anderson Scholarship which is \$2500.00 which was awarded we had 4-5 applicants. One young man stood out above them all and was awarded. A Total of 3 Scholarships were given out this year. A total of \$5000.00. \$2500 of which was from Virginia Beach.

ALCOR and ECSP Report (Bruce Powers)

Bruce stated no new awards were given in the Reflector Magazine for BBAA members. He also explained to members that did not know how to earn recognition and awards for their observational achievement. also how to Log on the site and submit their observations. The ALCON 2024 which was held last month in Kansas City Missouri will have a recap in the December Reflector addition.

Old Business:

George informed club members that we still have quite a few shirts still available for purchase.

New Business:

ECSP date is Oct31st and 1st -2nd of November @ Chippokes.State Park.

Observing Reports:

George spoke about our last Skywatch event @ Northwest River Park. The sky was hazy, yet we were able to make out the Constellations along with Double Stars, Globular Clusters and a few Nebulas along with two passes of the ISS. We had a large turnout of Telescopes and Viewers. Very successful! Note: Very important with the summer heat and humidity to bring along Dew Heaters and Shields. Other members spoke of capturing the ISS and various Nebulas in photographs.

Meeting feature: “Where were you in 2012” by Jeff Goldstein

Jeff shared a video of the 2012 Venus transit of the Sun. He interviewed people at a big event. He almost missed it due to the clouds. He showed the Transit itself which was very clear. He informed members that we can still apply for the silver award for the last Solar Eclipse. Bruce talked about his and Jacob Daniels journey to catch the last Solar Eclipse. He showed a time lapse video along with a video of the surrounding area that showed the shadow of the moon till total darkness. Other members also shared their Eclipse experience.

Door Prize Tickets were given out at the onset of the meeting. George gave out various NASA Lithographs to anyone that would like some and the door prize was a book entitled: “Night Sky Explorer: Your Guide to the Heavens.” The Lucky winner was awarded.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:51PM