

Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes

October 3,2024

Called to order @ 7:30 PM, by President George

Reynolds @ TCC

Members in Attendance:

John Almeter, Jeff Goldstein, George Reynolds, Eddie Parris, Jeremy Mitchell, Shawn Loescher, Michael Hall, Tom Flatley, Gabriel Dandrade, Joseph Brown, Ben Loyola.

ZOOM Attendees:

Roland Downing, Rich Roberts, Gabriel Alonso, 471-443

REPORTS:

Events Report: Vice President Jeff Goldstein

Calendar:

- Club Meeting- TCC (VB Campus) 10/3/2024@ 7:30-9:00pm
- Corn Watch @ Cornland Park 10/4/2024
- Nightwatch @ Chippokes Plantation State Park 10/5/2024-10/6/2024@ 5:00pm-6:00am
- Garden Stars 10/10/2024@ 7:30pm-9:30pm
- Europa Clipper Launch window 10/10/2024@ 7:00pm
- ODU/Barry Art Museum 10/11/2024-10/12/2024@ 6:00pm-11pm
- Saturday "SUN" Day@ Elizabeth River Park 10/19/2024@ 10:00am-1:00am
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 10/26/2024@6:00pm-10:00pm
- York River State Park Stargazing @Williamsburg, VA 10/26-10/27/24 6:00pm-5:00am
- East Coast Star Party@ Chippokes State Park 10/31/2024-11/3/2024@2:00pm-12:00am
- Kids NGrief & Mikey's Camp Star Gazing 11/2/2024@ 8:00pm-10:30pm
- Club Meeting- TCC (VB Campus) 11/7/2024@ 7:30-9:00pm
- Nightwatch @ Indian River High School 11/8/2024 @ 7:30pm-9:30am
- Saturday "SUN" Day@ Elizabeth River Park 11/16/2024@ 10:00am-1:00am
- Girl Scout Camping 11/16/2024 @ 8:00pm-10:00pm
- Fort Story Family Stargazing at the beach 11/22/2024@ 9:00pm-10:00pm
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 11/23/2024@5:00pm-9:00pm
- York River State Park Stargazing @Williamsburg, VA11/30/24-12/1/24@6:00pm-5:00am
- Luncheon BBAA Holiday 11/30 @12:00-2:30 PM

Treasurer's Report (Richard Roberts)

- General fund=\$9,155.99
- Primary Scholarship=\$1,475.29
- Georgie June Scholarship=\$1,009.00

Membership Data

- New Members = 5
- Honorary Members = 5
- Associate Members w/AL = 7
- Associate Members = 3
- Regular Members = 186

Total Members on Roster = 201

Secretary's Report: (Eddie Parris)

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

Old Business:

The forming of an Election nominating committee was discussed for the upcoming President and Secretary club election this fall. Committee members were chosen to start the process of finding the candidates to fill those positions. The upcoming East Coast Star Party was discussed, and flyers were given out about the event.

Scholarship Report

We have confirmation that the city of Virginia Beach funded \$2800.00 for 2025 for the Nick Anderson Scholarship. And the BBAA and Georgie June Scholarships are on target.

New Business:

The Georgie June raffle prizes were discussed and voted on a 114EQ Celestron StarSense telescope that was donated also a eyepiece and a Barlow Lens. A motion was made and accepted to purchase the eyepiece and lens.

RRRT Report

Nothing to report.

Observing Reports

Gabriel reported seeing at False Cape Park the Sagittarius nebulas. George reported that last Saturday at ODU He and several members attended a "Reign in Science" event. in which they got to show sunspots to event goers through their telescopes.

Meeting feature: STARS!

Before the Meeting feature on Stars, Jeff Goldstein spoke about the planet Pluto, and his observations of the planet with his SeeStar S50. He gave out worksheets so members could try and line up the movement and locate the planet throughout the months. George, with the assistance of Richard Roberts showed the different size and mass comparison of the Stars. They explained how the Novas are formed by the stars. Videos entitled "Life and Death of Stars" by Dr. Keith Hawkins and The New Largest Star in the Universe 2024! WOH G64 by V101 SPACE was shown.

Note: At the beginning of the meeting raffle tickets were given out. The Door prize was a book entitled "The Deep Sky Observers year" Shawn Loescher was the lucky winner, and he received the door prize!

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:45PM