

# **Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes**

**November 7, 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, Michael Hall, Gabriel Dandrade, Matt McLaughlin, Justin Mason, Jacob Daniel, Bruce Powers, Bill Rust, Neil Alford, Kent Blackwell, Robert Hitt, James Sorenson, David Shouldice.

## **ZOOM Attendees:**

Roland Downing, Rich Roberts, Shawn Loescher.

## **REPORTS:**

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

#### **Calendar:**

- Nightwatch @ Indian River High School 11/8/2024 @ 7:30pm-9:30am
- Navigators USA, Ch 151@ Coastal Virginia Unitarian Universalist Church 11/9/24 @ 2:00pm-4:00pm
- 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, VA 11/30/24-12/1/24 @ 6:00pm-5:00am
- Luncheon BBAA Holiday 11/30 @ 12:00-2:30pm
- Club Meeting-TCC (VB Campus) 12/5/2024 @ 7:30-9:00pm
- Saturday "SUN" Day @ Elizabeth River Park 12/7/2024 @ 10:00am-1:00am
- Kempsville Rec Center Astronomy 101 12/11/2024 7:00pm-8:30pm
- Muse & Gent Market Shops Holiday Party 12/13/2024 5:00pm-10:00pm
- Skywatch @ Northwest River Park 12/21/2024 @ 5:00pm-9:00pm
- York River State Park Stargazing @ Williamsburg, VA 12/28-12/29/24 6:00pm-5:00am

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

- **General fund=\$9,302.78**
- **Primark Scholarship=\$1,685.29**
- **Georgie June Scholarship=\$1,209.00**

## **Membership Data**

- **Honorary Members = 5**
- **Associate Members w/AL = 7**
- **Associate Members = 3**
- **Regular Members = 187**

**Total Members on Roster = 202**

The treasurer's report was motioned and accepted as read.

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

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

## **Old Business:**

There was no old business to report.

## **Scholarship Report**

There was nothing to report on Scholarships.

## **New Business:**

It is Election Time! for BBAA's President and Secretary. Potential Candidates names were discussed and voted on. There was one Candidate for Secretary "Gabriel Dandrade" which was voted on and by acclamation he graciously accepted the position of BBAA's new Secretary. There were two Candidates up for President. "Jeremy Mitchell and VP Jeff Goldstein". The candidates left the room and by a count of hands Jeremy Mitchell was elected and accepted the position of BBAA's new President.

Shaun proposed purchasing a Screen-Printing machine to lower the cost of getting t-shirts printed for events. The motion was presented, voted on seconded and accepted.

## **RRRT Report**

Nothing to report.

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

There is a new award that the Astronomical League came up with. Called the "Extra Galactic Objects Program". They are very deep space objects of another galaxy that is not part of ours. Also, there is a "Parker Solar Probe Award"

## **Meeting feature: The East Coast Star Party Event**

Members shared their experiences at the East Coast Star Party. Everyone had a great time! There was talk about next year's Star Party and things to do to make it even better. Various members were thanked for their assistance in making this year's Star Party such a great success! There were also great pictures submitted at the BBAA Facebook to view. Ranger Trevor Johnston was

recognized for his help in making this a success. Jeff Goldstein shared Astronomical photos he made at the Star Party.

**Note:** President George Reynolds gave his outgoing speech. He's been in the club for 24 years and the club has had great success with his leadership. It's time now for other members to step up and enjoy being involved in the position and entitlement of being a BBAA Officer. So, with a load thunder of applause he passed the baton to our newly elected president elect "Jeremy Mitchell" to guide our club to continued success!

**Meeting Adjourned @ 8:55PM**