

## The Back Bay Amateur Astronomers

June 4, 2016 Club Meeting

The June BBAA meeting was hosted by Planetarium Director Chuck Dibbs in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools Planetarium at Plaza Middle School:

<http://www.planetarium.vbschools.com>

Chuck Jagow was our master of ceremonies. Usual business details were presented for treasury, observing, outreach, RRRT update, and the Mt. Trashmore Star Party VII. Of note was Bill McLean's report on Sedona and the Lowell Observatory:

<http://lowell.edu>

The highlight of the evening was Dr. William "BILL" Moore's talk on "The Living, Breathing Planet" and the processes and indicators of atmospheric-biological interactions. Wonderful, well presented, and interactive talk with many new perspectives in the search for life on other planets, and particularly those exoplanets in other solar systems than our own. Awesome! Loved it. Very special thanks to Hampton University and their Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences (APS) Graduate Program for continuing to inspire and share their unique knowledge with the their local community. Very, very, kind and generous:

<http://science.hamptonu.edu/aps/>

Mark G. won the raffle which will be a scale model Orion space capsule printed on a NASA Langley 3D printer, which I still have to print...

Ben Loyala and the Scholarship Committee presented the annual \$1500 check to student Daniel Labrum. Daniel read his teacher's heart warming recommendation letter. He has even started an astronomy club at high school.

Minutes recorded by Bird Taylor.