

BBAA Astronomy Club, May 4, 2017 (TCC Science Building, Room JC-10)

Chuck Jagow (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members present included: Chuck Jagow, Jim Tallman, Jeff Goldstein, Shawn Loescher, George Reynolds, Curt Lambert, Bill Rust, Jane Marks, H.L. Marks, Tom Jarvis, Ben Loyola, Mark Gerlach, Tom Flatley, Rich Roberts, Lisa Roberts, Samuel Hunt, Matt McLaughlin, Bill Powers, Roni Sharrett, Bob Balcom, Neill Alford, Nicole Rodgers, Robyn Korn, Joey Quinn, and Pat Mangum (visitor).

Chuck opened the meeting and called names of 4 club members to come forward: Jim Tallman, Mark Gerlach, Tom & George Jarvis. These members received Astronomy League's Outreach Awards for last year. Jim Tallman showed all the club members present how to log on to Night Sky Network and participate in outreach, too.

Vice President (Jim Tallman) Events Report:

May:

5/03 – Garden Stars (George Reynolds) 8:30 – 10:00 PM
5/04 – BBAA Club Meeting at TCC Virginia Beach Campus (7:30 – 9:00 PM)
5/05 – VPAS at the Grundland Astronomical Park (GAP) 4:15 PM – until...
5/06 – Star Gazing with Joint Expeditionary Base (JEB) Little Creek Library
5/09 – Boardwalk Astronomy (6 PM – 11 PM)
5/13 – Saturday “Sun” Day (Elizabeth River Park, Chesapeake) 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
5/13 – VLM Star Party (Virginia Living Museum) Sunset – until...
5/18 through 5/22 – East Coast Star Party at Coinjock, NC (Kent Blackwell host)
5/19 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park Private) Sunset - Dawn
5/19 – VPAS at the Grundland Astronomical Park (GAP) 4:15 PM – until...
5/26 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park Private) Sunset – Dawn
5/27 – Nightwatch (Chippokes Plantation Permit Required) Sunset – until...

June:

6/01 – BBAA Club Meeting (undecided if TCC or Plaza Middle. Get with Chuck)
6/10 – Saturday “Sun” Day (Elizabeth River Park, Chesapeake) 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
6/10 – VLM Star Party (Virginia Living Museum) Sunset – until...

Treasurer's Report (read by Chuck in Bruce's absence)

General Fund Income: \$ 4,881.90
General Fund Expenses: \$ 360.45
General Fund Balance: \$ 4,521.45

Scholarship Fund: \$ 2,062.52
GJ Scholarship Fund: \$ 1,045.00
Total: \$ 7,628.97

BBAA Checkbook \$ 7,676.41
Checkbook+PPal-Fin. \$ 47.44

Membership Data

Honorary Members: 4
Associate Members w/AL: 8
Associate Members: 1
Regular Members: 108
Total Members on Roster: 121

Paid up Members: 119
Members' Dues (Due March) 2
Delinquent in dues: 0

Anticipated 2017 Dues: \$ 51.00

Anticipated Expenses

AL Dues	\$ 725.00	Estimated # of AL Dues Paying Members
Insurance	\$ 325.00	Due in March
Fees	\$ 100.00	P.O. Box and State Corporation Commission
Picnic	\$ 250.00	July
Mailings	\$ 150.00	Newsletter Snail Mail Mailings
Charitable	\$ 150.00	IDA and Clear Sky Chart
Misc.	\$ 800.00	Awards, Raffle Prizes, etc.
Total:	\$ 2,500.00	

Secretary's Report (Jeff Goldstein)

Moved and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes.

VAAS Report (Leigh Anne Lagoe given by Jeff G in her absence)

We discussed the improvement of the website and to create a "form" for prospective attendees to fill out. This will automatically be sent to PayPal and a copy of the form will be emailed to the committee to document each line item.

RRRT Report ("Bird" was not present) No Report.

Observing Reports:

Chuck reported that Venus and Saturn was beautiful this morning.

George Reynolds mentioned Garden Stars observations: Double Stars, Jupiter, Moon, Arcturus color, and perfect weather.

International Astronomy Day at Central Library: No sun observations, however we gave out numerous solar glasses.

Ben Loyola continues to work on the Herschel Award and has 3D printed some parfocal rings for his eyepieces.

Scholarship Committee Report (Ben Loyola)

There were four applicants, therefore 50% of the applicants will receive the top scholarship of \$1,500 and the second scholarships will be the Georgie June Scholarship of \$500. May 1st is the cutoff date. Matt and H.L. will meet this week to decide on the recipients.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chuck Jagow mentioned that we're still set for the July Picnic. We're raffling the tickets for the 4.5" Orion Telescope set with filters, Barlow, Astronomy books. Please see any club officer for raffle tickets.

Tonight's Speaker, Jim Tallman has a great astronomy video, "400 Years of the Telescope"

The video was narrated by Neil deGrasse Tyson. It was well received and excellent quality. It covered the telescopic observations from the invention of the telescope through the present space telescopes and future proposals for better models. The search for life beyond our Solar System was also a predominant theme.

Drawing for Door Prizes: No items were raffled off, tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.