

KAA May 29, 2009 business meeting summary

- 1) Observatory work items that have been completed are, applying a second coat of preservative to the sill plates and roof supports and staining of the entrance door a second coat, cutting wood up next to the observatory into small pieces for removal to the dump and removed oil and gas from the old lawn mower.
- 2) Thanks to Ben Knight the lawn got its first cut in May.
- 3) The remaining Observatory work items are the removal of the marked trees, installation of the new roof track support brackets, fix driveway potholes and evaluate stone(s) removal, and review roof support white posts paint condition.
- 4) Junie has set-up and material to make two new roof brackets for July work session installation, with the remaining four brackets to be made and installed in the fall.
- 5) Additional information on the history of the club was submitted and Jim Faux he incorporated it on to our web site. More information on the clubs purpose is being generated.
- 6) Club to look into procuring plaques for Phil, Jack and etc. and to determine a wall space to be set aside for these plaques.
- 7) The 35mm observatory construction slides from Phil will be transferred to J-peg via Jim's scanner. Presently, Junie is reviewing the slides and will submit them to Jim shortly.
- 8) The Town of Sullivan observatory tax bill has been paid.
- 9) Submitted Astronomical League dues for those that paid to be members.
- 10) Discussed determining and correcting the 12.5" telescope frame or eyepiece holder so that when the eyepiece holder is moved to various positions it still aligns with the finder scope. This condition will be investigated at the July 11th work session.
- 11) The new LED illuminated reticle 9x50 finder scope for the 12.5" telescope will be installed at our next work session July 11th.
- 12) We are still looking for a push lawn mower.
- 13) KAA has tentatively scheduled Friday June 26th for our sidewalk observing near Armadillo's Place on Main Street, Keene, starting at 9:30pm.
- 14) Both the New Hampshire House and Senate have passed The New Hampshire International Dark Sky association lighting regulations, which will become law in the near future.
- 15) KAA has been requested by the Chesterfield Library to conduct a program on either July 6th or 20th with an observing session any Friday during July. The exact program has not been determined yet.
- 16) During the Summer months of June July and August the club meeting will take place at the Sullivan Observatory starting at 8:30pm with observing to follow. There will be no presentation during this period, but presentations will resume in September when the meetings are held at KSC.
- 17) After the business meeting Tom Geheran conduct a terrific presentation on his building of an 8" reflector telescope using a Dobsonian base, which he completed for his senior project. Congratulations Tom, what a fantastic accomplishment. This was Tom's test run presentation, where his mentor Junie, was able to critique his work and speech for his final presentation at Monadnock school during the next two weeks. The telescope was set up after the meeting for viewing and it works great!!!
- 18) We had quite a turn out for observing Saturday night as the sky cleared nicely and it stayed quite warm.