

KAA June 11, 2010 business meeting summary

- 1) The remaining Observatory work items to be tackled in July are: The Top priority item at this time is “h”.
 - a. Fix driveway potholes with dirt from pile at south end of observatory and remove remaining problem stones.
 - b. Remove two white cement-viewing piers. Piers to be removed in July work session. The other square pier will be evaluated for removal at the July work session.
 - c. Remove wood debris to the dump.
 - d. Finish clean up of tree removal.
 - e. Install stone at bases of roof support posts. Jim to check into getting stones
 - f. Junie has the fabrication set-up and material to make two new roof brackets for installation during the summer work session, with the remaining four brackets to be made and installed in the fall.
 - g. Put a small bucket of sand for steps in November, inside of entrance door.
 - h. **Presently, one quarter of the field was mowed prior to the meeting before the mower died. It is in for repair. Once it's fixed immediate mowing is required. The grass and weeds are very tall.**
 - I The three step ladder legs are being modified by Jim's brother for more stability. It was corrected and returned the next day.
- 2) Keith has Phil's plaque, which will be installed ASAP.
- 3) Keith has sent out letters indicating the services KAA can provide to the Keene Public Library, Peterborough Library, & Brattleboro-Brooks public Library. The next scheduled event will be an observing session at the Brattleboro Brooks Library Wednesday Sept. 29th at 8:30pm. The Peterborough Library would like us to do a slide show presentation on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday nights sometime during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of June and the Keene Library has not decided on an event to date. Jim will contact Gail to finalize the Keene Library program. One possible presentation for the Keene Library is on astro-photography by Robert Gendler. His web site is “www.robgendlerastropics.com”
- 4) Keith's first beginner workshop on how to “Observe with a Dobsonian Telescope”, has concluded. Another workshop is in the process of being arranged and scheduled for the fall.
- 5) The Six Dobsonian telescope bases and side supports are in Junie's possession. Some assembly issues, per Junie, have arisen on the prototype. Until they are corrected the date for assembling all of the bases is on hold.
- 6) At the July meeting details will have to be formulated on how to track loaned telescopes, amount of telescope deposit, length of loan, how many eye pieces to be included per telescope. We also need to discuss how to assess any telescope damages and costs back to borrowers. Phinie to try and track down T & C's and policies of other clubs.
- 7) The observatory taxes for the second half of the year have been paid to Sullivan.
- 8) The July work session has been re-scheduled from the 17th or 18th to the 24th or 25th to start at 8:30 am. The exact date will be determined at the July 6th business meeting.
- 9) Unfortunately the clouds didn't cooperate, so no observing took place. And Saturday was also a wash out.
- 10) Contact new tenants across entrance to observatory and explain who and what we are, and when members might be appearing for observing. We need their email and phone number to keep them in the loop. This is to help with the lights should we do outside observing.