

KAA January 8, 2010 business meeting summary

- 1) The remaining Observatory work items to be tackled next spring are: Top priority items A thru H, which need to be done first.
 - a. Fix driveway potholes and remove remaining problem stones.
 - b. Install handrails for steps.
 - c. Install LED lights at entrance door and paint steps white.
 - d. Install new step stool for viewing access. Junie has a metal stepstool he will donate to club.
 - e. Install red tape and fluorescent paint on driveway entrance cable.
 - f. Widen driveway entrance.
 - g. Paint cement-viewing piers white now and remove them when practical.
 - h. Check width and thickness of steps tread
 - i. Install concrete base and roof track support member in northwest corner.
 - j. The installation of the new roof track support brackets at northeast corner.
 - k. Remove wood debris to the dump.
 - l. Finish clean up of tree removal.
 - m. Install stone at base of roof support posts
 - n. Paint top of roof support steel post.
 - o. Check on putting in an entrance ramp.
 - p. Junie has the fabrication set-up and material to make two new roof brackets for installation during next springs work session, with the remaining four brackets to be made and installed next summer.
 - q. Put hedge along west side. Blue spruce, hemlock.
 - r. Put a small bucket of sand for steps inside of entrance door.
- 2) Club to procure a dedicated plaque in honor of Phil, and procure a second plaque listing names of contributing honoree members. And to determine a wall space to be set aside for these plaques. This process is in the planning stage. Keith will investigate suppliers of plaques and costs by February meeting.
- 3) My black hole presentation was conducted and it went well.
- 4) A partial list of the past club officers has been determined. A complete officer list with titles and time served is now being generated. I'm to submit the list of the names we've generated to date with positions and dates of their service as best we know and make additions and corrections as necessary.
- 5) The Keene Public Library has set aside four Thursday's in February to host astronomy presentations in their auditorium. To date the exact presentation dates have not been finalized, but Gail does have four speakers. Gail should have dates and topics finalized by the 20th and posted on the libraries web site by the 22nd.
- 6) Keith submitted a formal proposal for conducting a beginner workshop on how to "Observe with a Dobsonian Telescope", which was approved by the members. The details of the workshop will be worked out in the following months. Classes are to start next April. The details of this workshop will be discussed in at the February meeting. Two 4 1/2 " Dobsonian Telescopes will be purchased one by Keith and one by the Faux's. Keith will get telescope and eyepieces pricing information from Orion and submit this to the Faux's at our February

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- meeting. Determine advertising for the workshops. Some suggestions were at libraries, Keene Shopper, KSC and etc.
- 7) The three Dobsonian telescope bases to be built for Junie's two donated six-inch f/8 telescopes and one to be retained by Junie will take place after December. These telescopes can be used for training and be loaned out. The plywood, Formica and other materials have been located and Jim's brother may be able to make the cutouts for the bases. We hope to have the construction schedule finalized at our January business meeting. Junie brought in a piece of furniture plywood that should be used to make the telescopes collar. Jim to get plywood sizes and thickness info from Junie on Jan 21st and submit it to his brother for making the bases cutouts.
 - 8) The 2010 revised business meeting and observing schedule has been finalized. The 2010 revised schedule is attached and will also be posted on our web site.
 - 9) It was recommended and approved to send out letters to all local libraries indicating what services our club can provide, such as astronomy presentations, night sky viewing, planetarium shows, how to use telescopes and etc. Keith has generated the flyer and it was approved. He will send out the flyer to four institutions initially and see what the response is and proceed from there.
 - 10) Because some of our members will not be able to attend the library talks we will be contacting Cheshire TV to see if they could do the recording of these events.