

KAA April 20, 2012 Business Meeting Summary

- 1) The business items that need to be specifically addressed at the April meeting are: 2, 4 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 13.
- 2) The next Observatory work session is scheduled for Saturday May 5th at 9pm. The items to be tackled on 5th are: a, b, c, and d.
 - a. Mow field.
 - b. Weed whip round observatory
 - c. Put up posters
 - d. Straighten up and organize observatory for filming on 8th.
 - e. Finish removing last 25% of bottom 8" of wall particleboard.
 - f. Apply Chreocoat on base plates and roof support members.
 - g. Install stone at bases of roof support posts. Jim to procure stones.
 - h. Finish removing saplings along west side of observatory.
 - i. Junie will fabricate and install new roof retainer brackets ASAP.
 - j. Procure and install new cables for opening and closing the observatory roof.
 - k. Replace existing roll off roof wood beams.
- 3) The Six Dobsonian telescope bases and side supports are in Junies 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.
- 4) Newtonian telescope issue:
 - a. The finder scope and the focusers don't line up properly. Need to determine finder scope alignment issue and correct it. **To be checked out May 5th.**
- 5) FETTSS – A meeting was held with Gail on Tuesday the 17th of April and it was decided to not pursue any additional letters or follow up calls in pursuit of additional funds for the library photo exhibit. Gail has found a possible deal for \$1.05 for a 13" x 19" digital photo. Gail is going to purchase 10 of them and then evaluate their quality. The next step after Gail gets the photo's is to meet with her and review them and decide how they can be displayed. KAA may purchase some photo's also if the quality is good to post at the observatory.
- 6) KAA has made a decision about contributing to the Monadnock Nature Almanac, and that is they can reference our web site for our events. Our review of their site indicated that they already had significant astronomy postings and did not need our input. **Jim Fox to contact MNA about our decision.**
- 7) Our 3rd annual dinner at Papagolos was a real success and we look forward to doing it again next year.
- 8) Jim Fox has left a message for Tom Geheran about borrowing his 10" telescope to show at the TV filming.
- 9) KAA has voted for Bob to purchase one solar filter for the two 4.5" telescopes we have. This will allow us to view the transit of Venus on June 5th. The exact location of the observing site will be announced by mid May.
- 10) KAA has joined the Night Sky Network of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and they are offering a tool kit if we list two up coming events with them. One event is our next months meeting and observing sessions and the second is the TV filming event. So we should be eligible for the tool kit.
- 11) We had a very good observing session Friday night viewing Venus with our new two inch variable filter, which allows us to see its phases, Mars, Saturn and some double stars. It was nice to have it warm and no bugs.
- 12) Our next business meeting Friday May 11th will be at Bruce Norlund's at 267 Gilsum Street, Keene at 7pm. Jim Fox to give a presentation on the 10th to 12th hour of the sky. Bruce's cell number is 508-971-4124. The observing session will take place Saturday the 19th at Sullivan.
- 13) Jim Faux will be giving a talk about KAA at the April 27th CALL program at 2pm at KSC.