

KAA November 21, 2008 business meeting summary

- 1) The Observatory's loose roof nails have been secured and the water shield has been installed at the northwest corner of the building. The only remaining items are the removal of the marked trees and the installation of the new roof support brackets. Applying a second coat of preservative to the sill plates and roof supports and staining the entrance door a second coat will be done next spring.
- 2) KAA received a request from the Keene Public Library to be a part of a grant request from the American Library Assoc. for a six week exhibit called the "Vision of the Universe", which we accepted. If they receive the grant KAA will be providing a presentation, stargazing events and assistance on field trips for kids K – 8. To date we have not heard whether they have received the grant.
- 3) 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 within the next month.
- 4) The members approved the purchase of a new LED illuminated reticle 9x50 finder scope for the 12.5" telescope.
- 5) Submitted a proposed 2009 business meeting and observing session schedule to be finalized at the December 5th business meeting at KSC.
- 6) To contact the Keene Public library about an astronomy presentation sometime in February or March.
- 7) We are still looking for a push lawn mower.
- 8) Topics club members would like to have instructions and discussions on after our business meetings are: Instructions on how to use the finder scope and telrad, how to do coordinate telescope viewing, how to collimate a telescope and align the finder scope with the primary and secondary mirrors, instructions on the proper eye piece selection sequence and filtering for proper viewing.
- 9) There was a last minute change and the presentation on eyepieces, finder scopes, and binoculars was conducted at this session and will be repeated in the spring.
- 10) The reason for the topics change is to allow for a special presentation on the moon that will take place after the business meeting in room 380 of the Science building.
- 11) After the presentation everyone adjourned to the observatory for some great star viewing. Several students joined us from KSC to take advantage of a very clear and steady sky. Saturday also proved to be a very good night for viewing.