

KAA June 15, 2012 business meeting summary

- 1) The business items that need to be specifically addressed at the July 13th meeting are: 5 and 8.
- 2) The next Observatory work session is scheduled for Saturday July 7th at 9am.
 - a. Mow field.
 - b. Weed whip round observatory.
 - c. Finish removing last 25% of bottom 8" of wall particleboard. - **September**
 - d. Apply Chreocoat on base plates and roof support members.
 - e. Install stone at bases of roof support posts. Jim to procure stones.
 - f. Finish removing saplings along west side of observatory.
 - g. Junie will fabricate and install new roof retainer brackets ASAP.
 - h. Procure and install new cables for opening and closing the observatory roof. - **September**
 - i. Replace portions of existing roll off roof deteriorating wood beams. – **Requires its own day**
- 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) The 12 ½" 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 July 13th. Determined it needs to be adjusted during observing.
 - b. The Obsession mirror and focuser need to be aligned. The mirror was jostled and needs to be reset at the base. The way the secondary mirror is attached to the spider vane also needs to be re-thought.
- 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 photos also if the quality is good to post at the observatory. Phinie found at staples for \$9.95 you can get a digital photo mounted on a 20" x 24" hard board, which she is going purchase one for review at our next meeting.
- 6) KAA has joined the Night Sky Network of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and our event listing qualified us for the Venus Transit tool kit. We have not received the tool kit. Jim Faux to contact Vivian about the tool kit and to see what logos may be put on our web site from NSN or JPL.
- 7) The Chesterfield Library has requested some one come and talk to the children August 6th about astronomy. Junie has confirmed that he is available.
- 8) The Keene Kiwanis Club is interested in a viewing for members. A public park area for the viewing needs to be chosen.