

KAA April 17, 2009 business meeting summary

- 1) The remaining Observatory work items are the removal of the marked trees, 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, and fix the driveway potholes and remove stones.
- 2) Additional information on the history of the club was submitted and Jim Faux will incorporate it in our web site. More information on the clubs purpose is being generated.
- 3) Club to look into procuring plaques for Phil, Jack and etc. and to determine a wall space to be set aside for these plaques.
- 4) Submitted information on the TD Bank North name change to TD Bank, which should be of no impact to us as long as we maintain a \$250 balance. If not, it will cost us a \$4 monthly service fee.
- 5) The 35mm observatory construction slides from Phil will be transferred to jpeg images via Jim's scanner.
- 6) A work session has been scheduled for Saturday May 2 at 10am to address the remaining work issues in item 1, with particular focus on doing the driveway work. Junie has backhoe equipment that he will bring to fill in the potholes and remove the stones necessary to smooth out the driveway.
- 7) 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.
- 8) The new LED illuminated reticle 9x50 finder scope for the 12.5" telescope will be installed when the weather gets warmer, hopefully May.
- 9) We are still looking for a push lawn mower.
- 10) Tom Geheran will conduct a presentation on building a telescope after the May 29th business meeting.
- 11) Due to several conflicts the 100 hours of spontaneous sidewalk observing requested in a Sky and Telescope article of astronomy clubs from April 2nd to the 5th will not be observed by us during this time period, but we plan to do this program sometime this summer when everyone has more time available.
- 12) The New Hampshire International Dark Sky association lighting regulations submittal to the N.H Congress was passed in the House of Representatives and has been sent to the Senate for approval.
- 13) After the business meeting Jim Fox conducted a very informative presentation on the 12th to 15th hour of the sky, which included all sorts of interesting data and photographs of galaxies and stellar objects found in this region of the sky, especially on the galaxies in Virgo. Some of the photo's used an overlaying process of X-rays, infrared rays and visual light to generate the pictures. Jim Faux with his iPod Touch was able to display pictures of the galaxies Jim Fox was describing. Real cool stuff.