

KAA May 11, 2012 business meeting summary

- 1) The business items that need to be specifically addressed at the April meeting are: 2, 4 5, 6, 9 & 15.
- 2) The next Observatory work session is scheduled for Saturday July 7th at 9pm. The items to be tackled will be determined at the June 15th business meeting.
 - a. Mow field.
 - b. Weed whip round observatory.
 - c. Finish removing last 25% of bottom 8" of wall particleboard.
 - 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.
 - i. Replace portions of existing roll off roof deteriorating 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) 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 May 5th. Determined it needs to be adjusted during observing.**
- 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 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. **Bob Taylor to contact MNA about our decision.**
- 7) We have Tom Geheran 10" telescope, which needs to be returned to him.
- 8) The solar filter has arrived for the two 4.5" telescopes we have. The transit of Venus viewing Tuesday June 5th will take place at the Otter Brook Dam. We will be setting up at 5:45pm for the start of the transit at 6:07pm. Bob to check reviews of the filter to see if there are any comments on the tightness of the filter resulting from the foam gasket.
- 9) 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 should be receiving it shortly. Jim Faux to see what logos may be put on our web site from NSN or JPL.
- 10) Jim Fox gave a great presentation on the summer sky. We had all the bells and whistles. With the aid of the computer, projector and screen Jim was able to do a real professional job. We all learned a great deal about the summer sky objects to look for.
- 11) Jim Faux's CALL program presentation about KAA went very well. Several people asked him about our organization.
- 12) The Astronomical League dues have been paid and the AL members list has been issued to the AL in order to receive the Reflector magazine and take part in any other offerings they have which is many.
- 13) Do to the rain event that took place on Tuesday May 8th the TV filming did not take place. No future make up date has been scheduled. There was some discussion about doing our own in house videoing event.

- 14) Check out our web site, Jim Faux has just posted a bunch of new photos of the club telescopes and members. Photos are under “about Us” click on “observatory” and then click on “here”.
- 15) The Chesterfield Library has requested some one come and talk to the children August 6th about astronomy and Junie thinks it’s a good possibility he can do it. He should know in a week or so if it’s a go.

