

KAA September 26, 2014 business meeting summary

On-going Business

- 1) The business items that need to be specifically addressed at the October 24th meeting at KSC in the YSC are: 2, 5 and 6 and all of the new business items.
- 2) **The next Observatory work session is scheduled for Saturday October 24th from 9am to noon. The main work items are C and F.**
 - a. Apply Chreocoat on base plates and roof support members.
 - b. Install stone at bases of roof support posts. Jim to procure stones.
 - c. **Removal of brush and saplings from the west stonewall and south dirt pile.**
 - d. Junie will fabricate and install new roof retainer brackets when he can.
 - e. To maintain T111 siding as long as possible scrape and paint when necessary. Then when absolutely necessary install vinyl siding one side at a time over a four yr. Period.
 - f. **Mow the field.**
 - g. Install removable skirt around bottom of observatory inside wall.
 - h. Install exterior rubber shield over south wall drip shield and/or replace existing wood drip shield where deteriorating.
- 3) Assemble 6 Dobsonian bases for the 6" telescopes tubes at Junie's
- 4) Junie to determine if collimation is correct for 15" Obsession telescope along with determining its vibration issues at high magnification and determine if 12.5" mirror needs recoating.
- 5) We are on hold with implementing the donation requests until the public data has been corrected to the correct source. Bob is to pursue getting the existing public data corrected, which should be completed by the October meeting.
- 6) In regards to the donation document of item 5, Cheryl indicated we should make a list of all the companies that have supported us in the past along with contact names of individuals in these companies familiar with KAA's goals and achievements and submit this document directly to these people.

Completed Items

- 1) The deteriorating west side roll off roof track 4" x 4" beam was replaced at the August 30th work session. Trimming brush around the observatory was also completed.
- 2) GOOD NEWS: Jim and Phinie met with Dr. Debra Black from KSC who is in charge of their science department about using the NSN Tool Kits. As it turns out she was very interested and has a home for them with teaches in a K thr 12 school. So the tool kits are in her hands and she will take all future kits that we receive from NSN.
- 3) The Astronomical League lunar astronomy program is well under way with 40+ of the items recorded.
- 7) The Conjunction astronomy convention in Deerfield, MA (August 22 & 23rd) was successful.
- 8) **What a terrific presentation by Angel Rosario on his pursuit of the AL Master Observer certificate. Angel provided handouts on several of the programs he is working on along with a CD of the astronomy web sites he uses that provides detail maps of the moon and stars and all the AL programs in the Master Observer Program. He guided us through how to use these computer programs to get the detail information needed to complete the AL observing programs. He also showed us the astronomy maps and books he uses in his pursuit. Best of luck in taking on this endeavor. Completing and getting a certificate in just one of the 10 AL programs he is pursuing would be a first for any KAA member.**

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Completed Items, continued

- 9) The international moon-observing event took place at the Ashuelot Park Sept 6th at 8pm. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and the observing session was called off shortly after Gail and Angel arrived.

New Business

- 1) KAA wants to welcome are two newest members Rhonda MacLead and Karen Walter.
- 2) Just a reminder election of officers is next month.
- 3) A list of officer duties and responsibilities has been generated and was submitted at the meeting and will be issued with this report.