

KAA February 27, 2009 business meeting summary

- 1) The Observatory remaining work items are the removal of the marked trees, installation of the new roof support brackets, securing the basement door, applying a second coat of preservative to the sill plates and roof supports and staining the entrance door a second coat, which will all be done next spring. Subsequent to the meeting the basement door was secured.
- 2) The Keene Public Library received the grant from the American Library Assoc. for a nine week exhibit called the "Vision of the Universe", which will start January 23, 2009 and go through March 27, 2009. A complete schedule of events has been finalized and appears on our web site under "VISIONS". It appears this astronomy program is the most complete and aggressive comparing it to other communities in the area.
- 3) Mr. Picarello has requested our input on what topic area we would like him to speak on in regards to optics. It will be on optics pertaining to telescopes.
- 4) Jim Fox to review a request to link to a new web site.
- 5) The Town of Sullivan inventory tax sheet has been filled out and returned.
- 6) 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.
- 7) The new LED illuminated reticle 9x50 finder scope for the 12.5" telescope will be installed when the weather gets warmer, hopefully April.
- 8) We are still looking for a push lawn mower.
- 9) 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.
- 10) Thanks to Mike the observatory driveway was plowed out allowing a very fruitfully observing session on the 28th.
- 11) Discussed speaking with Mike about filling in potholes and possibly remove large rocks from driveway.
- 12) Junie will conduct a telescope collimating talk after the March 23rd meeting.
- 13) Barbara Atwood has offered the club Phil's astronomy magazines and gave Junie a slide pack of historic club pictures that he hopes to turn into a program.
- 14) An article in Sky and Telescope requesting astronomy clubs to have spontaneous sidewalk observing April 2nd to the 5th will be conducted by KAA in Keene, weather permitting. Exact viewing locations to be determined at 3/27 meeting.
- 15) The New Hampshire International Dark Sky association announced that the state legislature is close to passing state lighting regulations.
- 16) There was a request to generate more information to be presented on the web site about the club purpose and it's history.
- 17) After the meeting we adjourned to the science center where Jim faux gave a very informative and well executed talk on all aspects of our web site. Jim has done such an excellent job on making our site so professional, so user friendly and so informative over such a wide variety of topics.