

KAA MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

November 13, 2015

Location: Keene State College

Present: Jim Faux, Carol Littleton, Bruce Norlund, Paul O'Neil, Susan Rolke, Angel and Suzanne Rosario, Bob Taylor,

Secretary's Report:

- The minutes were accepted as amended with two modifications.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bob reported that our club balance was \$1,217.27 compared to \$1,217.12 last month.

Upcoming Events:

- *Stay tuned for* possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob if and when clear skies re-appear.
- Monthly observing: Saturday, 11/14. We expect a good turnout with members from Claudio's CALL class, the SoVerA club, and Tom Julius' outdoor group. Observing begins at 6pm. Dress warmly.
- Our next club meeting will be on December 11th at 7:00pm at Bruce Norlund's home, 267 Gilsum St., Keene.
- The December 12th scheduled observing session will be at the club observatory, weather permitting, and beginning at 6:00pm.

Old Business:

- NH State non-profit annual Filing Report. Bob called the NH State office and they indicated that our first filing would not be until 2020.
- The observing session on 10/17 with Tom Julius' group and KAA members went well with viewing of the moon until the hail began.
- Junie and Bob did not get a chance to review the alignment of either telescope after last month's meeting. The 12.5" telescope works fine. It just needs to do standard star hopping at this time to find non-naked eye objects until our coordinates system is established. The 14" scope probably needs a bigger secondary mirror.

New Business:

- Susan reported on her astronomy workshop at the [McDonald Observatory](#) in Austin, Texas. She stayed at the Astronomers lounge and had an amazing time with colleagues, meeting practicing astronomers, and exploring and using the various telescopes.
- Astronomical League Reflector editions update. Dwight and Susan are now getting their paper editions. Bob asked for the opinions of members regarding digital, paper, or both versions of the Reflector.
- Adoption of 2016 club calendar. The members approved the suggested 2016 club calendar which will be posted on the club website after the December meeting.

- The members reviewed the “Welcome” brochure, updated by Jim and Phinie. This document which includes an overview of the club, 2016 calendar, and membership application, will be posted on the website and available to use to encourage potential new members to join the club.
- Dublin Observatory. Ian Jamieson, Director of the Perkin Observatory, contacted the club and is interested in establishing a connection with us. Jim indicated he may join us on the 14th and offered to host a meeting at his Dublin School Observatory.
- Fitzwilliam Library. Bob is in contact with Stacie Schwartz at the Fitzwilliam Library. They are looking for a training program using their telescope, similar to our Keene Library one, next March and an observing session in May/June.
- Keene Library. Bob fixed the problem with the battery case cover on the finder scope on the library’s telescope.
- Town of Sullivan taxes. Bob paid the semi-annual property tax for the Observatory. We paid \$23 for the building’s assessment of \$1,700.
- Observing at Monadnock HS. Julie would like to have another observing session with her MRHS kids during the first week of December. It may be at our club observatory, Otter Brook, or MRHS.
- Lysia Taylor from the Winchendon School was interested in having us do some type of outreach event with her kids during the past week and next week. Jim and Bob tried to contact her to no avail.
- Observer’s Handbook. Bob is placing orders with the SoVerA club for the 2016 edition of the excellent Observer’s Handbook. If you want to order the 2016 edition, contact him immediately as their order is being placed now.

Meeting Activities:

- **Astronomical League's Constellation Hunter Program.** Angel passed out our quizzes for the month’s constellations: Aquarius, Cepheus, Lacerta, and Pegasus. Our new constellations for November are: Andromeda, Cassiopeia, and Pisces. The club members are very appreciative of Angel’s efforts in encouraging us to learn more about the northern constellations. And happily, new Vice-President Carol volunteered to continue Angel’s efforts for the coming year. Quizzes and all!
- Bob asked members for their thoughts on monthly activities following our more formal business meeting. Members indicated the desire to continue with the AL Constellation Hunter program and have members, if they desire, talk about a topic of their interest for 3-5 minutes at each meeting.

Jim Faux, Secretary
November 14, 2015