

KAA January 23, 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.
- 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) There were some questions raised about making sure all star-party nights at the library are fully covered, which it appears we have a full commitment to do so.
- 4) Mr. Picarello has requested our input on what topic area we would like him to speak on in regards to optics. We will recommend aiming it mainly to astronomy.
- 5) The time allotted for each library presentation will be approximately one hour.
- 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 has been received and at the February meeting it will be determined when to install it, perhaps at the March observing session.
- 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, and review the KAA web site with Jim Faux to learn how to fully utilize all the information that's available on it, how to use the links and review what future information should be posted. There was a request for more talks at the science center.
- 10) Thanks to Mike the observatory driveway was plowed out allowing a very fruitfully, but chilly observing session on the 24th.
- 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) After the meeting we adjourned to the science center where Keith and Chris gave a very informative and well executed talk on their experiences with CCD Astro-photography.