

KAA June 19, 2009 business meeting summary

- 1) The remaining Observatory work items are the removal of the marked trees, installation of the new roof track support brackets, fix driveway potholes and evaluate stone(s) removal, paint south side of observatory, mow field and weed whack around observatory, remove wood debris to the dump, remove old lawn mower, prime and paint bottom of steel roof support posts and install stone at base of posts. Thanks to Jim Fox and his brother they recently dug the dirt away from the posts, which will reduce corrosion of the metal and allow us to prime and paint the posts and to fill in the holes area with stone.
- 2) Next work session July 11th to start at 9am.
- 3) Junie has the fabrication set-up and material to make two new roof brackets for installation at the July 11th work session, with the remaining four brackets to be made and installed this fall.
- 4) Additional information on the clubs purpose is being generated.
- 5) Club to look into procuring plaques for Phil, Jack and others and to determine a wall space to be set aside for these plaques. This process is in the planning stage.
- 6) The 35mm observatory construction slides from Phil will be transferred to J-peg via Jim's scanner. Presently, Junie is reviewing the slides and will submit them to Jim shortly.
- 7) 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 at the July 11th work session.
- 8) The new LED illuminated reticle 9x50 finder scope for the 12.5" telescope will be installed at our next work session July 11th.
- 9) Chris Chase has a lawn mower for the club. All that is required is coordinating its transportation to the observatory.
- 10) The tentatively scheduled sidewalk observing near Armadillo's Place on Main Street, Keene, for June 26th has been postponed until this fall to take advantage of the earlier night sky.
- 11) The Chesterfield Library has scheduled Junie to conduct two planetarium shows in the morning of July 20th, with observing at the library to be conducted either in September or October to take advantage of the earlier night sky. The exact observing date will be determined by August.
- 12) During the Summer months of June July and August the club meeting will take place at the Sullivan Observatory starting at 8:30pm with observing to follow. There will be no presentation during this period, but will resume in September when the meetings are held at KSC.
- 13) KAA has received a request from Mr. Carl Von Mertens from the Dublin School to advise, maintain equipment, and offer independent programs in astronomy for students as well as the general public once their new observatory is constructed and the new telescope is installed. Jim Faux to contact Carl and invite him to one of our business meetings so he can present the scope of the project and an outline of what he needs from KAA.