

KAA February 12, 2010 business meeting summary

- 1) The remaining Observatory work items to be tackled next spring are: Top priority items A thru H, which need to be done first. Determining at our April meeting, which these eight items will be done at our May work session.
 - a. Fix driveway potholes and remove remaining problem stones.
 - b. Install handrails for steps.
 - c. Install LED lights at entrance door and paint steps white.
 - d. Install new step stool for viewing access. Junie has a metal stepstool he will donate to club.
 - e. Install red tape and fluorescent paint on driveway entrance cable.
 - f. Widen driveway entrance.
 - g. Paint cement-viewing piers white now and remove them when practical.
 - h. Check width and thickness of steps tread
 - i. Install concrete base and roof track support member in northwest corner.
 - j. The installation of the new roof track support brackets at northeast corner.
 - k. Remove wood debris to the dump.
 - l. Finish clean up of tree removal.
 - m. Install stone at base of roof support posts
 - n. Paint top of roof support steel post.
 - o. Check on putting in an entrance ramp.
 - p. Junie has the fabrication set-up and material to make two new roof brackets for installation during next springs work session, with the remaining four brackets to be made and installed next summer.
 - q. Put hedge along west side. Blue spruce, hemlock.
 - r. Put a small bucket of sand for steps inside of entrance door.
- 2) Club to procure a dedicated plaque in honor of Phil, and procure a second plaque listing names of contributing honoree members, which has been tabled until Phil's plaque has been procured. And to determine a wall space to be set aside for these plaque(s). Keith obtained the following plaque pricing: Maple walnut plaque \$50, plus \$25 for engraving, plus \$15 for KAA logo. Pine plaque \$25, plus \$25 for engraving, plus \$15 for KAA logo. I'm to check into other possible suppliers and get pricing by March meeting.
- 3) A partial list of the past club officers has been determined. A complete officer list with titles and time served is now being generated. I'm to submit by March meeting the list of the names we've generated to date with positions and dates of their service as best we know and make additions and corrections as necessary.
- 4) Two of the Keene Public Library astronomy presentations have taken place with two remaining, one on 2/18 and the other 2/25 in their auditorium. Both presentations have been big hits.
- 5) Keith submitted a formal proposal for conducting a beginner workshop on how to "Observe with a Dobsonian Telescope", which was approved by the members. The classes are to start in May. The dates are: first class May 20, 21, and 22; Second class May 27, 28, & 29; third class June 3, 4, & 5th The second two dates of each session are make-up dates. The cost will be \$15 per person for all three classes. The max class size is six people. The final details of this workshop will be determined at the April meeting. Two 4 1/2 " Dobsonian Telescopes have been purchased by Keith, one donated by Keith and other one by the Faux's. KAA wants to thank Jim and Phinie Faux's for their generous donation. KAA also wants to thank Keith for his monetary donation as well as his time and effort in putting the program together and to conduct these classes.

Keith has put together a preliminary flyer statement. It will be finalized at the March meeting and distributed by April 1, 2010. Some suggested places to advertise were the libraries, Keene Shopper, KSC and etc.
- 6) The six-16" dia. Dobsonian telescope bases to be built are for Junie's two donated six-inch f/8 telescopes to KAA, one to be retained by Junie and one spare, plus a base for my 4 1/2" Orion. The sixth

is a 20" base for Junie's 10" telescope. These telescopes can be used for training and be loaned out. The Formica is being donated by Junie and the plywood to be purchased by Jim's brother and reimbursed by KAA. Jim's brother will make the base cutouts for all six by the end of February and Jim will deliver them to Junie by March 1st. Junie will set a time in March for us to help him construct the sides of the telescope bases.

- 7) Keith has sent out letters indicating the services KAA can provide to the Keene Public Library, Peterborough Library, Mt Ceasar Union Library & Brattleboro-Brooks public Library. I'm to contact these facilities prior to our March meeting to see if they are interested in setting up a time for our services.
- 8) Club flyers about us and application forms will be present at the library presentations.