

KAA March 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. Determine at our April meeting if any additional items should be added to the May work session. Items with asterisk * will be addressed first.
 - a. Fix driveway potholes with dirt from pile at south end of observatory 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 supplied the metal stepstool.
 - 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. Install 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 bases of roof support posts
 - n. Paint top of roof track support steel posts.
 - 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 was tabled until Phil's plaque has been procured. It was approved for Keith to procure the maple plaque for Phil with the engraving statement Keith proposed along with Phil's picture on the plaque in lieu of our logo, if possible, at a reasonable price.
- 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 submitted all the officer information I could gather and Jim Faux will post it on our web site and as new officer information is obtained it will be updated on our site.
- 4) 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. The response from the libraries has been great. They all want us to provide one or more services. Keith will contact the library directors for slide show and observing dates.
- 5) After our meeting the DVD movie "Eyes on the Skies" was shown. It was a very exciting movie with many different astronomical topics.

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- 6) 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. Keith’s preliminary flyer statement has been approved. Keith will advertise the program in the Keene Shopper the last week of April for one week at \$16.80 and see what the response is. At that time we will make a decision on the need for further advertising in the Shopper. The flyer will also be distributed to the local libraries and posted at KSC.
- 7) 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 ½” 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 has made all six of the bases for the telescopes along with the side supports. These have been delivered to Junie. Junie will set a time in March for us to help him attach the sides to the bases and complete the rest of the project.