

KAA March 23, 2012 business meeting summary

- 1) The business items that need to be specifically addressed at the April meeting are: 2, 4 5, 6, 7 & 8.
- 2) The next Observatory work session is scheduled for Saturday April 28th at 9pm.
The items to be tackled are:
 - a. Finish removing last 25% of bottom 8" of wall particleboard.
 - b. Apply Chreocoat on base plates and roof support members.
 - c. Mow field.
 - d. Install stone at bases of roof support posts. Jim to procure stones.
 - e. Finish removing saplings along west side of observatory.
 - f. Junie will fabricate and install new roof retainer brackets ASAP.
 - g. Procure and install new cables for opening and closing the observatory roof.
 - h. Replace existing roll off roof wood beams.
 - i. Install new PVC handles on existing Obsession cart handles. **Completed**
- 3) The Six Dobsonian telescope bases and side supports are in Junie's possession. Some assembly issues, per Junie, have arisen on the prototype. Until they are corrected the date for assembling all of the bases is on hold.
- 4) Newtonian telescope issue:
 - a. The finder scope and the focusers don't line up properly. Need to determine finder scope alignment issue and correct it.
- 5) KAA has decided to do a 30 min. astronomy filming for Jodi Turner's **In Your Back Yard** program on channel 8 **May 8th. Our second meeting will take place Monday March 26th at 6pm at Jim and Phinie's.**
- 6) FETTSS – The Keene Public Library has issued a letter to approx. 40 organizations requesting funding for the exhibit. To date the response has been very light. We feel a follow up call to the letter is needed. We would volunteer making the cold calls if the library does not have the time. To do this we would need the library list of companies and phone contacts. The most efficient calling is for our members to review the list determine who may have a relationship with a particular company and assign them that contact. The other issue is being able to generate a quality picture, as the file size we have been issued has to be enlarged significantly, which reduces the quality of the picture. Jim Faux is pursuing this issue with NASA. **To date all phases of this project are on hold. Next step is a meeting with Gail. Bob will contact Gail about setting up a meeting**
- 7) KAA has made a decision about contributing to the Monadnock Nature Almanac, and that is they can reference our web site for our events. Our review of their site indicated that they already had significant astronomy postings and did not need our input. **Jim Fox to contact MNA about our decision.**
- 8) Our 3rd annual spring dinner at Papagallo's will take place in April, but the Friday date has not been set yet. All those interested in attending the dinner, please let me know.

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- 9) KAA has decided to join the Night Sky Network of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which will get us listed on their web site and eligible to receive all their astronomy news. Jim Faux will set up a separate E-mail account for this transaction. KAA has joined and access to the site is on our home page under events.
- 10) We had a very good observing session Saturday March 17th. It was nice to have it warm.
- 11) Notable viewing events for the up coming month are: March 25th the crescent moon will be 3 deg north of Jupiter. April 3rd moon passes 9 deg. South of Mars. April 6rd moon passes 6 deg. South of Saturn. April 16th Moon passes 6 deg north of Neptune. Mid April Saturn in Virgo is right next to Spica. April 19th moon passes 6 deg. North of Uranus. April 22nd Lyrid meteor shower peaks. April 30th Venus is at greatest brilliance -4.7

