

KAA December 11, 2009 Business Meeting Summary

- 1) The remaining Observatory work items to be tackled next spring are: Top priority items A thru G, which need to be done first.
 - 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 practicable.
 - h. Install concrete base and roof track support member in northwest corner.
 - i. The installation of the new roof track support brackets at northeast corner.
 - j. Remove wood debris to the dump.
 - k. Finish clean up of tree removal.
 - l. Install stone at base of roof support posts
 - m. Paint top of roof support steel posts
 - n. Check width and thickness of steps tread.
 - 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.
- 2) Club to procure a dedicated plaque in honor of Phil, and procure a second plaque listing names of contributing honoree members. And to determine a wall space to be set aside for these plaques. This process is in the planning stage.
- 3) Do to the length of the December business meeting the black hole presentation was postponed until January.
- 4) A partial list of the past club officers has been determined. A complete officer list with titles and time served is now being generated.
- 5) The Keene Public Library has set aside four Thursday's in February to host astronomy presentations in their auditorium. We meet with Gail on November 23rd at Panera's and she had not heard back from her Boston astronomy contact prior to our meeting. KAA has provided Gail with a couple of lecture contacts from Sovera. Gail hopes to have commitments from speakers by January 1st.
- 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 details of the workshop will be worked out in the following months. Classes are to start next April.
- 7) The three Dobsonian telescope bases to be built for Junie's two donated six-inch f/8 telescopes and one to be retained by Junie will take place after December. These telescopes can be used for training and be loaned out. The plywood, Formica and other materials have been located and Jim's brother may be able to make the cutouts for the bases. We hope to have the construction schedule finalized at our January business meeting. Junie brought in a piece of furniture plywood that should be used to make the telescopes collar.
- 8) The 2010 business meeting and observing schedule will be finalized at the December meeting. The 2010 schedule is attached.
- 9) The 2010 Sullivan taxes have been paid.
- 10) It was recommended and approved to send out letters to all local libraries indicating what services our club can provide, such as astronomy presentations, night sky viewing, planetarium shows, how to use telescopes and etc.