

KAA July 17, 2009 business meeting summary

- 1) The work session of 7/11 was a complete success, thanks to Jeff and Mike Brooks for cutting the trees down and chipping the remains into huge piles (without their help we would of never been able accomplish such a huge task) and to our crew of Jim and Phinie Faux, Jim Fox, Keith and myself for cutting up the trees, limbing them, and hauling them to the chipper. Somehow we all survived the 5+hrs of work on the sunniest and warmest day of the summer, so far. With another 1 1/2hrs of tree work on the 16th all of the trees designated to be removed on both the West and South sides is complete. In addition thanks to Keith and Chris the new finder scope has been installed on the 12 1/2" telescope and the alignment issue has also been resolved. Thanks to Chris the field was mowed, using the mower he donated to the club. He also weed wacked around the observatory. The remaining Observatory work items are the installation of the new roof track support brackets, fix driveway potholes and evaluate stone(s) removal, paint south side of observatory, remove wood debris to the dump, prime and paint bottom of steel roof support posts and install stone at base of posts.
- 2) Junie has the fabrication set-up and material to make two new roof brackets for installation at the September 12th work session, with the remaining four brackets to be made and installed late in fall.
- 3) Additional information on the clubs purpose is being generated.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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 his period, but will resume in September when the meetings are held at KSC.
- 8) Mr. Carl Von Mertens and Mr. John Weis from the Dublin School presented their information about the observatory they are building and the high tech telescope they will be purchasing. We discussed how our club could provide astronomy programs and viewing at their facility starting in the fall of 2010 along with program coordination with the Keene Public Library, NASA, Stellafane and etc. Later this fall we will be in contact with Carl and John and visit the completed observatory and further discuss future programs and observing sessions at their Perkins observatory.