

## KAA July 9, 2010 business meeting summary

- 1) The remaining Observatory work items to be tackled in July are:
  - a. Fix driveway potholes with dirt from pile at south end of observatory and remove remaining problem stones.
  - b. Remove two white cement-viewing piers. Piers to be removed in July work session. The other square pier will be evaluated for removal at the July work session.
  - c. Remove wood debris to the dump.
  - d. Finish clean up of tree removal.
  - e. Install stone at bases of roof support posts. Jim to check into getting stones
  - f. Junie has the fabrication set-up and material to make two new roof brackets for installation during the summer work session, with the remaining four brackets to be made and installed in the fall.
    - g. Put a small bucket of sand for steps in November, inside of entrance door.
  - h. Dale mowed the remaining three quarters of the field with his DR.
  - i. **Determine what to do with our mower. I have been unable to contact Chris about the mower he gave the club to see what the specific issues were with the mower prior to receiving it. I know he had to make some repairs. It seems to be a carburetor problem and one possibility for \$15 is to purchase the carburetor parts from Sears and try to fix it ourselves.**
- 2) Keith delivered Phil's plaque. The plaque is in the observatory and will be installed ASAP.
- 3) Keith has sent out letters indicating the services KAA can provide to the Keene Public Library, Peterborough Library, & Brattleboro-Brooks public Library. The next scheduled event will be an observing session at the Brattleboro Brooks Library Wednesday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm.
- 4) Keith's first beginner workshop on how to "Observe with a Dobsonian Telescope", has concluded. Another workshop is in the process of being arranged and scheduled for the fall. Keith will work on the calendar and present at the August meeting.
- 5) 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.
- 6) At the August meeting details will have to be formulated on how to track loaned telescopes, amount of telescope deposit, length of loan, how many eye pieces to be included per telescope. We also need to discuss how to assess any telescope damages and costs back to borrowers. Phinie to try and track down T & C's and policies of other clubs.
- 7) The July work session has been re-scheduled from the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. The work session will start at 8:30 am.
- 8) Unfortunately the clouds didn't cooperate, so no observing took place. And Saturday was also a wash out.
- 9) Contact new tenants across entrance to observatory and explain who and what we are, and when members might be appearing for observing. We need their email and phone number to keep them in the loop. This is to help with the lights should we do outside observing.
- 10) Jim Faux will call and reach out to the Dublin School and see how KAA might be able to help them with the new observatory.
- 11) At the August meeting we need to discuss the status of the Obsession. It may need a finder scope.
- 12) Jim Fox to contact Gail at the Keene Library to start discussions on fall and winter astronomy presentations.
- 13) Jim Fox will call Mike Brooks to schedule a time to learn how to use his tractor. Mike has offered the use of his tractor for our work session.
- 14) At the scheduled work session Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup>. Items to be done at this session include:
  - a. Fill pot holes

- b. Remove two telescope piers
- c. Move woodchip pile
- d. Cut saplings along tree line
- e. Observatory house cleaning
- f. Mow the field
- g. Fix loose knob on telescope
- h. Stain and poly hand rail