

KAA November 11, 2011 Business Meeting Summary

- 1) The business items that need to be specifically addressed at the November meeting are: All items except 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15.
- 2) **The next Observatory work session is scheduled for October 15th or 16th from 9am to noon. The items to be tackled are: Please let me know if you plan to come so I can contact you if any change occurs or weather issues arise. Items a, b, c, and e to be addressed at this work session.**
 - a. **Finish removing last 25% of bottom 8" of wall particle board.**
 - 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. Next Spring.**
 - h. **Replace existing roll off roof tracks. Next Spring**
- 3) The Six Dobsonian telescope bases and side supports are in Junies 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) Obsession telescope issues:
 - a. Determine if a ramp for the Obsession telescope is necessary to get it in and out of the observatory when taking it on the road or just breaking it down and reassembling it at the location is on hold until the cart handle configuration is modified.
 - b. One other issue with the 15" Obsession is its carrying cart. The handles are only 6" off the floor and need to be modified so the telescope can be lifted and moved while in a standing position rather than in a bent over position. Junie is looking into a new handle arrangement.
- 5) Jim Fox will re-connect with the Dublin School and Jonathan Weiss.
- 6) Bob Taylor will be KAA's listed contact on the NH astronomical Society web page, in place of Junie. Bob to contact NHAS to make this change.
- 7) The Keene High School science classes will be at the observatory Thursday the 1st of December at 6:30pm for observing the moon, Jupiter and other stellar objects. The rain date is set for the following Monday or Tuesday the 5th or the 6th. They are expecting to have between 20 to 25 students, parents and facility.
- 8) FETTSS – The Keene Public Library has approved a letter to be sent to organizations requesting funding for the exhibit. A meeting needs to be scheduled with Gail to review our target organizations and contacts and the exhibit itself. A spreadsheet should be prepared for a mail/merge. Jim Fox to follow up with Gail to schedule a luncheon meeting.
- 9) Gail with the Keene Library appears to be on the verge of getting a telescope from the NH Astronomical Society to loan out to library members. The telescope modifications we assume were made Sept 17th, but Gail has not received the telescope as of Oct 7th so she is going to contact NHAS about its disposition.
- 10) At this time Gail is also looking for suggestions on topics for the February 2012 astronomy series. Please let me know what you would be interested in and I will pass it on to Gail or you can contact Gail directly.
- 11) Jim Fox and I met with Jodi Turner, whom has a new show on channel 8 called **In Your Back Yard** and she was inquiring if KAA would be interested in doing a 30 min segment or more on her show. They do filming one day every month and we indicated it sounded interesting and we would bring it up at our October meeting. Her show is geared for kids. We decided that the earliest we would be ready for doing the filming would be January.
- 12) The election of officers was postponed until Decembers meeting. Anyone interested in filling any of the positions, please be at the meeting.
- 13) An organization called Monadnock Nature Almanac, a free, monthly mail "bulletin board" of natural history related observations and goings on in the Monadnock Region has contacted several club

members regarding KAA providing an astronomical monthly update for the e-mail. We would contribute to MNA's "Monadnock Skies" section and inclusion of our events in the MNA's "Monthly Events" Calendar. Chuck Schmidt, Hancock, NH is the contact.

14) The 2012 Business meeting and observing schedule will be submitted for approval.

15) The 2012 membership dues are now due. The dues are the same as last year as follows:

Single/family KAA membership - \$20.00.

Single/family KAA membership including Astronomical League membership - \$27.50.

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