

KAA Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2021

Location: Zoom hosted by Bob

Time: 7pm – 7:30pm

Present: Ed Lotowski, Carol Littleton, Bruce Norlund,

Secretary's Report: October business minutes accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: December \$1,837.50 - October \$1,757.75

Upcoming events:

- * Our next business meeting is Tuesday February 22nd, which will be by zoom at 7pm. Susan Rolke is giving a talk on her trip to LA to board a NASA 747 to observe objects in the infrared spectrum.
- * Our next observing session is scheduled for May 21 at Sullivan at 8pm.

Old Business:

- * Observatory work: At this time completing the observatory Vinyl siding of the north and south peaks is on hold, but looking to tackle it in the spring
- * A brush removal work day to tackle the brush on the west and south walls has been rescheduled for Saturday April 23 from 9:00am to noon. Please bring tools to remove saplings and other brush. At this time also a review of the damaged flooring, look into putting a ramp at steps, possible modification to 15" cart handles, what to do with items on inventory list and when to tackle installing more vinyl siding
- * Mike Brooks has offered to loan us his brush cutter and the use of his dumpster when needed. Mike is also putting in a garage and where it is to be located needs fill, so Mike has been able to remove about 80% of the dirt mound behind the observatory, which came from the observatory basement where the 10 Ton concrete ballast for the 12.5" telescope is attached. It will be great to have it and the trees growing on it gone. Thanks Mike for mowing our field it is greatly appreciated.
- * Please email Bob, Carol or Gabe if you have a presentation you would like to do or have a topic you would like us to present on the night sky, telescopes and etc.

* Susan Rolke will conduct a presentation on her amazing trip and experience investigating Infrared radiation on NASA's 747 on Tuesday February 22st at 7:00pm via zoom. Those also joining the talk will be the astronomy class from Dublin School and SoVerA.

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New Business:

* Gabe checked the roof patch and found that the patch had stopped the leak. It will take some time for the plywood to dry out.

* A decision was reached to conduct observing at Sullivan where each person will locate and observe the object or objects on their own so the person setting up the telescope does not interact again once the eyepiece has been cleaned by the observer. A brief training on how to use a specific telescope will be conducted.

* Bruce is able to use the T1-11, which he will be picking up some time in the spring

* Carol mentioned how bright Venus is in the early evening sky along with Jupiter and Saturn. We also talked about the James Webb Telescope and the Dart mission to move an asteroid.

* Bob paid the observatory Sullivan tax of \$24.00.

* Membership dues are returning this year to pay our bills and keep a healthy bank balance for unexpected expenses. The dues are do November 1st

The dues are the same as before and they are as follows:

Single/Family KAA members - \$20.00

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

The AL membership includes the quarterly "Reflector Magazine"

Please make checks out to the "Keene Amateur Astronomers"

Please mail payments to:

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Thank you