

BBAA Astronomy Club, February 2, 2017 (TCC Science Building, Room JC-10)

Chuck Jagow (President):

Called meeting to order at 7:28 PM.

Members present included: Chuck Jagow, Jeff Goldstein, Shawn Loescher, Ben Loyola, George Reynolds, Curt Lambert, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Bruce Powers, Richard Roberts, Lisa Roberts, Pat Mangum, Bill Rust, Kenny Broun, Bill Powers, and Joey Quinn.

Old Business:

Chuck opened the meeting and spoke of the long process to develop the club's new constitution and its new incorporation. We had a near miss incident at Botanical Gardens, and another time at a Solar Display while setting up, a small child came close to looking into an unprotected eyepiece. So now with incorporation, the most anyone bringing law suit against us can get is the balance of the club's treasury. So now, our name has changed from the old "Back Bay Amateur Astronomers" to "Back Bay Amateur Astronomers, Incorporated".

The committee was formed Ben, Jim, Leigh Anne, George, Paul, and others have had their inputs. Finally, we have a finished draft for discussion and approval at the March meeting. All members were sent an email and link to the Constitution. So, tonight's meeting is an opportunity for inputs from the membership.

Vice President (Jim Tallman) Events Report:

Feb:

- 2/02 – Poquoson Elem. School Presentation (George Reynolds)
- 2/03 – Knott's Island Elementary School, NC (STEM Night) (George Reynolds) 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- 2/07 – Jr. Astro. Event Three Oaks Elementary School Observation (George Reynolds) 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- 2/11 – Saturday "Sun" Day (Elizabeth River Park, Chesapeake) 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 2/11 – VLM Star Party (Virginia Living Museum) Sunset – until...
- 2/17 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park Private Permit Required) dusk – dawn
- 2/17 – VPAS at the GAP
- 2/18 – Skywatch at NWRP (6:00 – 10 PM) only a 4 hour event + 1 hour before for telescope help
- 2/21 – (Tentative) Carrolton Library (5 PM – 7 PM)
- 2/23 – Cedar Road Elementary
- 2/24 – Corn Watch (Cornland Park Private) dusk – dawn
- 2/25 – Nightwatch (Chippokes Plantation Permit Required) 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Mar:

- 3/02 – BBAA Club Meeting at TCC (7:30 – 9:00 PM)

Treasurer's Report (Bruce Powers)

General Fund:	\$ 4,369.23
Scholarship Fund:	\$ 2,005.52
<u>GJ Scholarship Fund:</u>	<u>\$ 1,045.00</u>
Total:	\$ 7,419.75

Regular Members:	99
Associate Members:	8 (7 members of Astronomical League)
<u>Honorary Members:</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Members on Roster:	111

Paid up Members:	109
Members' Dues Due (Feb.)	2
Delinquent in dues:	0

Anticipated 2017 Dues \$ 40.00

Anticipated Expenses

AL Dues	\$ 725.00	Estimated # of AL Dues Paying Members
Insurance	\$ 325.00	Due in March
Fees	\$ 100.00	P.O. Box and State Corporation Commission
Picnic	\$ 250.00	July
Mailings	\$ 150.00	Newsletter Snail Mail Mailings
Charitable	\$ 150.00	IDA and Clear Sky Chart
<u>Misc.</u>	<u>\$ 800.00</u>	Awards, Raffle Prizes, etc.
Total:	\$ 2,500.00	

Note: 28 non-paying members have been purged.

Scholarship Report (Ben Loyola)

Scholarship forms for 2017 Scholarships have been sent out to the school websites and point of contact throughout Hampton Roads Webmaster and posted on our website (total of 1505).

RRRT Report (by "Bird") No Report

Secretary's Report (Jeff Goldstein)

Moved and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes.

Observing Reports:

Chuck saw Jupiter last nights and mornings the transparency was just beautiful especially through the 10"
Jim got the Dew Shield and Heater set up for his 10" scope. Lowes sells insulation that we use for covering the resistors of the dew shield.

Ben Loyola making progress on the Herschel Award around Polaris.

Leigh Anne mentioned Uranus is easy to spot. Vesta is also easy.

Jupiter is coming around, again, too.

Chuck mentioned and showed his 6 x 30 Solar Binoculars (Blunt Solar Systems Industries). He passed them around the room to show them.

New Business:

Discussion of the Club's New Constitution:

All text in yellow was specifically changed. Original Constitution was 2 pages, and this new one is now 11 pages.

Added an associate member (under 18) a non-voting member of the club. AL. paid dues are still \$5.

Improved the wording of the "associate member" especially the family members. Also covers student under this associate member clause.

Officer terms: Maximum of 2 years for each office. Offset two of the officers to keep 2, and newly elect another two. President and Secretary are offset by one election cycle. Three consecutive terms are now possible. The officer duties have been revised.

Section on Board of Directors & Board Meetings. No compensation for any Board Members.

By-Laws. Annual Dues changed to \$23. Have never been raised since 2002 when they were first started.

Disbursements (anything over \$100 must be Board approved).

Keeping track of books and records.

Note: This was a huge effort from many people contributing help on the constitution.

Emails will be sent out to all members. Anyone not voting will be treated as a "yes" vote.

(There were no questions or comments)

Virginia Association of Astronomical Society VAAS Committee Report by Leigh Anne:

Date still is uncertain, but we'll know by Tuesday: October 14th or October 21st

Speakers being arranged: Kent Blackwell (maybe), Ben Loyola (yes), Dr. Zwadny (NASA) (yes)

Leigh Anne has an Astronomy Horror Story about to be released in an online magazine "Shotgun Screen Stories".

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.