

KVAS Meeting
Friday, June 19, 2020

Those attending: Danny Blair, Sandy Blair, Kaitlin Bedekovich, Robert Dean, Ed Connors, Lewis Cook, Bill Brown, Kay Brown, Rodney Waugh, Judy Waugh, Jane Corathers, John Willson, Janet Willson.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was conducted over Zoom online.

The meeting was called to order by KVAS President, Rodney Waugh. Rodney discussed that the Board members had voted in favor of a scaled down Astronomy Weekend at Blackwater Falls State Park for September 18-19, 2020. Rodney shared that he had spoken to Blackwater Falls director, Lois Reed, who told him that due to the pandemic, the BWF Conference room could only hold 50%. The Nature Center would only allow three people in the center at any time. BWF will give us 2 – two-bedroom cabins for our members. The BWF Restaurant will only allow half capacity. As a result, any activities for AW will be outside activities and star parties. It was suggested that we use the Pendleton Point Pavilion, which has a shelter, for day activities and the Nature Center for night star parties. Several members were open to giving a presentation. There will not be a raffle this year. Rodney will follow up with Lois Reed at Blackwater Falls to set up details.

Trex Science Center - KVAS received a letter from Ray Garton, curator of Trex Science Center in Charleston, and Ray was interested in incorporating astronomy presentations and activities into the science center and was wanting our help. The science center hosts numerous impressive dinosaurs on display and fossils. KVAS members present expressed interest in helping. Ray Garton can be contacted by e-mail at: garton@prehistoricplanet.com

KVAS Telescope repair update - Ed Connors gave an update on the repairs for our club scope. He already has the design for the plate for the mirror cell and has received the metal to make it. Ed mentioned that the telescope mirror needs to be resurfaced. The cost of \$425.00 for resurfacing was approved by the board. To cut costs, Ed will drive the mirror to Virginia for repair rather than ship it. Ed also mentioned that Debbie Frostick had received the material to make covers for the telescope. The dust cover is in place.

Ed Connors made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Janet Willson seconded it.

The next meeting is planned for Friday, July 17, 2020.