

KVAS Meeting Minutes – 1/16/15
Ryan's Restaurant – Charleston, WV
Minutes Taken by John Willson, Secretary

We held our annual dinner at Ryan's starting at 6:30pm.

At 7:20pm, we held our January meeting.

KVAS Clothing – Bob Frostick

Bob is coordinating a clothing order for various apparel with our KVAS logo. We will put together the order at next month's meeting, so anyone who is interested should let Bob know what you would like at the meeting. There is a small price increase from the last time we ordered, but most items are less than \$2 more.

Dues are Due – Bob Frostick

Annual dues are due. If you haven't paid your \$25 for this year, be sure to bring it to the next meeting.

Elections of 2015 Officers – Bob Frostick

Bob led the group in election of officers for 2015.

President – Scott Blake and Rodney Waugh were nominated. Scott asked to not be considered at this time. Rodney was elected as our new President.

Vice President – Scott Blake was nominated and elected as our Vice-President.

Treasurer – Janet Willson and John Willson were nominated. Janet asked not to be considered. John was elected as our Treasurer.

Secretary – Debbie Frostick was nominated and elected as our Secretary.

Observatory Director – Robert Dean and Ed Connors will serve as Co-Directors for the Observatory.

Board of Directors – Danny Blair, John Willson, and Dan Pleska were due to come off the Board. Rodney Waugh, John Willson, and Debbie Frostick will assume new 3-year terms on the Board with their election as officers for 2015.

A big "Thank You" goes out to Bob Frostick and Danny Blair for their excellent work as officers in the past few years. You have left big shoes to fill!

Blackwater Falls Planning – Rodney Waugh

Our annual Astronomy Weekend at Blackwater Falls will be held October 1-4. Dan Pleska will put the dates on the website.

Several ideas were proposed for Blackwater Falls this year.

- Since this year's event will occur just a few days after the full moon, one idea was to stress lunar observing, with presentations focused on the moon.

Scott Blake agreed to prepare a map showing where all the lunar landings took place.

- Form a committee to plan this year's event.

Volunteers included Scott Blake, Janet Willson, John Willson, Chuck Spann, and Carol Hilleary. If anyone else is interested, let Janet know.

- We all need to share in manning the table for ticket selling this year, so a few people don't have to carry the whole load.
- Several ideas were proposed for prizes
 - Don't sell any iPads or binoculars. Several participants gave us this feedback last year.
 - Beach Trip
 - Overnight (or 2 night) stay with dinner at the Café Cimino Country Inn in Sutton
 - Weekend in Fayetteville
 - A stay at the Greenbrier
 - Accommodations at the Blackwater Falls Lodge for Astronomy Weekend in 2016
 - Tickets and overnight accommodations at Cass. The caboose at Cass can be rented as one option.
- We will have 3 4-person cabins at Blackwater this year.

Everyone is asked to bring any additional ideas to the next meeting.

Star Quest Dates for 2015

Star Quest this year will be held June 17 (Wednesday) until June 21 (Sunday).

Observatory Meetings in 2015

Rodney suggested we have more meetings at the Observatory this year. Ed offered his observatory in Ripley for a meeting.

Special Thanks to Chuck Spann

Chuck will be moving to Philadelphia in the coming months. A special thanks goes out to Chuck for all of his great leadership and commitment to the Club over the years. We will miss him greatly!!

On the plus side, Chuck will continue to be involved when he is in Charleston, and will continue to help us with planning for Blackwater Falls.

Chuck, thanks for all your have done, and best of luck in your move!

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 20, at the Hansford Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Attendance

Rodney Waugh	Judy Waugh
Carol Hilleary	Ed Connors
Janet Willson	John Willson
Scott Blake	Danny Blair
Sandy Blair	Dan Pleska
Chuck Spann	Mike Riggs
Robert Dean	Dianne Wood
Brenda Griffith	Bob Frostick