

KVAS Board Meeting Minutes – 2/17/12  
Hansford Center -- St. Albans, WV  
Minutes Taken by John Willson, Secretary

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Bob Frostick called the group together at 7:00 pm.

In attendance

Bob Frostick, John Willson, Robert Dean, Dan Pleska, Danny Blair, Clarence Bowman.

Discussion Topics and Action Taken --

- The Board allocated \$200 for miscellaneous observatory expenses, to be used at the Observatory Director's discretion.
- Website Additions
  - Dan Pleska will prepare directions to the Hansford Center and post them on the website
  - We discussed the possibility of posting pictures as appropriate on the website – astrophotography taken by club members, for example.
  - All members were asked to bring suggestions to the next meeting on possible things we could add to the website.
- Observatory Support for Community Requests
  - We discussed the need to have more Club members familiar with how to operate the telescope, and who could host various community groups at the Observatory.
  - Bob asked for at least 2 volunteers to train.
  - Bob suggested we open the Observatory on a quarterly basis. Plans are to open Wednesday night this week and possibly next.
- Discussed the need to get volunteers to lead the programs for various meetings, and also volunteers to bring refreshments.
  - Current Plans
    - March – Need a program volunteer
    - April – Meeting at the Clay Center in Charleston
    - May -- Need a program volunteer
    - June -- Need a program volunteer

- July -- Need a program volunteer
  - August -- Need a program volunteer
  - September – Annual Picnic
  - October – Blackwater Falls
  - November -- Need a program volunteer
  - December – Christmas Party
- Brent Ogle will lead the Night Sky discussion at each meeting.
- Observatory Report – Robert Dean
  - Upgrade Ideas
    - Clean piers on roof – paint
    - Look at condition of roof – does it need to be coated?
    - Trimming trees / branches
    - Warming Shed – remove insulation for the summer, install heater in the building
  - Spring Cleaning Day – March 17
    - Will start early afternoon, plan to get food (hamburgers, pizza, etc TBD), and stay to have a star party that evening.
- Treasurer’s Report
  - We came up short on money to cover the annual dinner held last month. We will remind members to pay if they haven’t already, and suggested we collect money in advance for our future dinners.
  - Bob asked the group to keep their eyes open for good places to have the dinner – maybe we can plan where we will have it further in advance this year.
  - We have 23 members who have paid their 2012 dues, with 14 who have not.

At 7:30, we concluded the Board meeting to start the Club meeting.

- After the Club Meeting, the Board met again to approve giving a lump sum contribution to the Hansford center, equivalent to \$15 / month, or \$180 for the year.