

June 11, 2012 Board of Directors meeting

Present: Robert Dean, Carol Hilleary, Rodney Waugh, Bob Frostick, Chuck Spann

1. We discussed the observatory and who gets keys. It was decided and voted that members wanting a key will have to ask the Board for one. The Board will determine if they are given a key or not. No specific criteria was set for getting a key.
2. The new leadership at Virgil Tate was discussed. Relationships between the Club and the Camp remain good.
3. The Club was given a telescope by the Littleton estate. We discussed the possibility of using the scope for outreach rather than raffle. (Rodney checked on this and while it was OK, we later decided the specs of the scope made it better for raffle than outreach)
4. We discussed the September picnic and voted that the Club treasury will be used to provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, ketchup and mustard and other necessary fixin's. This is expected to cost about \$200.
5. We discussed options about the scope and settled on the options of reconditioning the current scope, buying a Meade 14 “, buying a Celestron CGE 14” or purchasing an AP 1600 mount and using Chuck's telescope. Chuck said if we went with this option, he would donate the scope to the Club.
6. We discussed insurance at the site and found it would cost around \$1000 a year to insure the equipment. We did not decide to purchase insurance.
7. We discussed the different possibilities for grants with the Kanawha Valley Foundation. There is a \$2500 emergency grant, an out-of-sequence grant or a regular grant. The out-of-sequence grant is due August 1 and the regular grant is due February 1. It was generally decided we should go for a grant.
8. The Board of Directors will be asking for guidance from the Club members in a vote to be held by mail in the near future.