

KVAS Board Meeting Minutes – 7/31/12
Panera Bread -- Charleston, WV
Minutes Taken by John Willson, Secretary

Attending –

Clarence Bowman
Dan Pleska
Rodney Waugh
Bob Frostick

John Willson
Chuck Spann
Robert Dean
Ed Connors

September Picnic

The annual picnic will be held at Breezy Point on 9/22 – rain date is 9/27. Setup will be at 5:00 pm, with food served at 6:00.

Follow-up items

- Need to get the grating for the grill from Melissa
- Meats and Condiments – Bob
- Plates, cups, plastic ware – Rodney
- Tables – Clarence offered to donate a table – accepted by the Board
- John will bring drinks
- Members will bring covered dishes

Those bringing supplies should plan on 30 people attending.

Blackwater Falls

Chuck picked up the scope from Becky Littleton. He will write up a description (scope includes a hefty tripod, camera, move-to capability), to use for the raffle.

Raffle tickets will be

For the scope -- \$4, 3 for \$10

For the iPad -- \$5, 5 for \$20

For the general raffle prizes \$1, 6 for \$5, 14 for \$10

Chuck is getting raffle tickets printed – will have them by next meeting.

We need 2 more speakers. Current topics include geology of Mars, the particle zoo, and others.

Program / Schedule – Rodney will update a past schedule, add speakers, make into a PDF file. We will post it on the website.

Rodney mentioned that red LED lights are available at Pile Hardware for \$1.79.

New Telescope

The Club voted to go with the Astro-Physics mount with the scope that Chuck is donating. We have approx \$12,000 now, need to keep \$2000 in reserve, so we have just under \$10,000 available.

Club also voted to seek the grant from the Kanawha Valley Foundation – deadline is 2/1/13 to apply. So we will not buy the AP mount before then. We will need to supply the pier, the adapter between the mount and telescope, and counterweights. Ed has material we could use for counterweights.

Chuck will draft the grant application – info in on their website. Others are willing to help – Chuck will ask for help as needed. We will need data on the number of people we interact with to use in the application.

Rodney was empowered by the Board to sell our current scope in whatever configuration gets the most money. Similar quotes were for \$1250 and \$1000; we're proposing approx \$1000 for ours. Need to look for the old tripod. Rodney will inform the Board on scope quotes before selling the scope.

In the interim, until we get the new scope configuration, the Board agreed to buy new rotating rings and a new tube for the current installation using Chuck's scope. Total cost is approx \$1600.

Additional Green Bank Plaques

Green Bank is out of the plaques Chuck has made in the past to commemorate the old 300-ft Green Bank telescope that collapsed in 1988. He plans to make 100 plaques, and sell them to Green Bank for \$8.00 each. Ed has some good wood we might use, and Dan offered to help make the plaques. Chuck will work it out with Ed and Dan.

With no additional business to discuss, we adjourned at 8:30 pm.

