

From August 21, 2012

On Friday, The Board discussed the upcoming telescope upgrade. There were a number of questions and Chuck was tasked with contacting the Kanawha Valley Foundation to explore the grant we will be writing. Chuck went and talked to one of their representatives but the one he needs to see is out of town and will not return until next Monday.

At the meeting, Rodney reported that Ed has been contacted by AstroPhysics and they want a 50% deposit to produce our mount. Rodney has requested a check in the amount of \$5450 be approved by the Board to be sent to the company at this time. A decision needed to be reached by this Thursday. Our choice is to either send in the 50% deposit at this time and stay in the first round or to drop back and elect to go for the mount in the second round of production. There are pros and cons with either decision.

I have spoken to all of the Board members except one (who is on vacation and didn't answer the cell phone) and the consensus is to pass on obtaining the mount on the first round.

In favor of sending in the money by this Thursday – Waugh, Hilleary

In favor of going for the mount in the second production run – Blair, Dean, Frostick, Willson, Pleska, Spann

Unreachable – Bowman

While this will delay the telescope upgrade to GOTO for several months, Chuck's scope is functioning and will be usable for us all during this time.