

## **KVAS Regular Monthly Meeting for March 2007**

**March 16, 2007 at Mathes Hall**

### **Attendance:**

Rick Archer, Ron Buckalew, Ed Connors, Paul Daniell, Robert Dean Sr., Vicki Fischer,  
Bob Frostick, Curt Spivey, Chuck Spann, Melissa Thorner, Patricia Shaffer, Rodney Waugh,  
Judy Waugh, Melissa Waugh, Janet Willson, John Willson, Sam Willson, Larry Wyner

**The meeting was called to order by Rodney Waugh.**

Rodney discussed at he last meeting the bylaws amendment that members elect officers instead of the board members.

Rodney and Chuck Spann completed installation of the GFCI breakers.

The next thing will be to replace the main breaker box on the pole. Rodney showed the receipt \$468 for the electrical service equipment.

The main breaker box on the pole is dangerous and need s to be upgraded. The light needs to be taken off the pole before the electrical service is repaired.

The KVAS Messier marathon will be held Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday is the alternate day, if the weather is cloudy.

Rick Archer presented the treasurers report:

- \$1,100+ in checking after two checks 950+
- Budget will be \$100.00 in hole at his point.
- 28 dues are paid

Bob Frostick suggested that we donate cash before tax time. (He is going to donate extra to the club)

KVAS will have a work party the last Saturday this month

Chuck Spann displayed the raffle scope, it is a 135mm Dobb 5 ½” Dia mirror Galilo . The winning ticket will be drawn at the next meeting.

Paul Daniell suggested bringing any extra astro stuff we had around to raffle for fundraising.

Robert talked about his new telescope 12” Dobb.

Rodney will miss the next three meetings, Chuck will be in charge.

-The Reflector has an ad for the Greenbank Star party with a group picture of the KVAS club members and CAAC.

-Greenbank has new food

-KVAS working with Clarksburg club, KVAS members help with campground

Rodney- Things happening in the sky:

-Total eclipse of Pluto

Pluto shadow sweeps over North America (Occultation), it will pass between a distant star

-NASA Science news

Hand out of picture of moon in front of Sun-on website

-methane oceans have been found on Saturn's moon, Titan.

Janet asked about having Astro Day at the Clay Center again this year. Curt Spivey said he would check into it.

An Astronomy presentation has been requested for during the Kanawha Co. Fair being held September 21, 22, 23<sup>rd</sup> at Camp Virgil Tate

Members discussed stars can viewed.

Rodney presented a 5 minute video on Astrophysics Telescopes

Melissa Thorner presented her program on her "Star Party Wishlist"

Melissa went over the Star party schedule for this year.

Paul Daniell brought up questions about the condition of the KVAS website. Rodney asked the members present if any one knows how to fix it. Rick volunteered to help John Marshall. It was agreed that someone that regularly attends meetings should update it.

The next KVAS meeting is April 20

Meeting was adjourned by Rodney Waugh.

Submitted by Patricia Shaffer

March 19, 2007