

**KVAS Meeting Minutes – 5/17/13**  
**Hansford Center, St. Albans, WV**  
**Minutes Taken by John Willson, Secretary**

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Bob Frostick called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Presentation – A Brief History of Constellations – Bob Frostick**

Bob gave a very good presentation on the History of Constellations.

Highlights included the evolution of the naming of constellations and groupings of stars; extinct constellations that are no longer recognized; a discussion on Ursa Major, which is the oldest constellation and is referenced in both North American and Asian history; a discussion of the relative sizes of older vs. newer constellations; the evolution of zodiac signs; and a review of H. A. Rey's work in 1954 to standardize the lines drawn between stars to designate constellations.

Today there are 88 recognized constellations, and today constellations actually designate a specific area of the sky, rather than specific stars.

**Star Party at Breezy Point – May 22 – Rodney Waugh**

Rodney Waugh will be hosting a star party this coming Wednesday for a group of 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Montrose Elementary. We need volunteers to help Rodney.

Rodney will send an E Mail to Club Members soliciting help – please volunteer to help host the star party if possible.

**Plans for Visiting Ed Connor's Observatory – Ed Connors**

We discussed dates to visit Ed's observatory in Ripley – dates discussed were June 21 and June 28. An E Mail will be sent to members to communicate final plans.

**KVAS Clothing – Bob Frostick**

Roger Chapman has given Bob the original KVAS logo artwork. Bob will pursue whether we can get KVAS clothing embroidered with the original logo.

### **“Yuri’s Night” Possibility for 2014 – William Blake**

William floated the idea of organizing a “Yuri’s Night” event with the Library or with the Clay Center in 2014. “Yuri’s Night” is a world-wide celebration of Yuri Gagarin’s first spaceflight that occurs every April 12. One idea was to contact Lewis Ferguson at the Clay Center – we could possibly have an event on a Saturday at the Planetarium. Another idea was to plan an event along with WV Soar – an organization that is involved in model rocketry.

William will develop a more specific proposal that we will discuss in a future meeting.

### **Donation to the Kanawha Players in memory of Jinny Spann – Debbie Frostick**

Debbie suggested that the Club make a donation to the Kanawha Players in memory of Jinny Spann. There was broad support – a \$250 donation was suggested. Bob Frostick agreed to convene the Board after the regular meeting to discuss this request.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by John Willson, Secretary

### **Attendance**

Janet Willson	John Willson
Robert Dean	Roger Chapman
Danny Blair	Sandy Blair
Tom Schottle	William Blake
Rodney Waugh	Ed Connors
Michael Riggs	Bob Frostick
Debbie Frostick	