

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

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 4th 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	