

Bob Frostick called the meeting to order at approximately 8:45 pm.

Night Sky – Brent Ogle

Brent presented the June / July Night Sky. Constellations highlighted included Cygnus, Vulpecula, Sagitta, Sagittarius, and Corona Australis. See Brent's handout on the website for more details and more information.

Observatory Update

Ed Connors reviewed progress on installation of Chuck Spann's telescope – for use until we decide on our final scope resolution and get our final installation in place. Ed reported that Chuck's scope is up and running, and working very well – seeing very well with its telrad and tracking mechanism working super.

Robert Dean did work to smooth the gravel roadway leading to the Observatory. Thanks Robert!

Venus Transit

Rodney Waugh shared the trip he took with Ed Connors and Devin Matlick to view the Venus Transit. They traveled west from Charleston to Lexington, then south to Berea, Kentucky in search of cloudless skies through which to view the transit. They eventually set up in a McDonalds parking lot, and had a successful viewing experience, getting some great photos and allowing many people in the area to see the transit. Rodney passed out official Venus Transit certificates to those in the community who participated. The Charleston Gazette wrote an article detailing the journey.

Star Quest

Star Quest will be held at Green Bank from June 20 – June 24. This is a great event held each year, with a full schedule of speakers, accommodations in the bunk house, camping, and meals available (at extra cost), and many other attractions in the area. This will be the 9th annual Star Quest event. Plan to attend if possible.

More information is available at www.greenbankstarquest.org.

Library Day

Janet Willson provided an update on KVAS's support for the Kanawha County Library's kickoff of their summer reading program, "Reading is a Blast". KVAS set up a display outside of Town Center Mall on the Civic Center side. Volunteers set up telescopes, and we passed out water, star charts, discussed astronomy and the Club, and allowed the public to look through telescopes. It was a very successful, fun day.

Club Member Viewing Highlights

Robert Dean, Melissa Thorner, and Ed Connors shared their viewing experiences from the last month. It was an active month, with great views of Saturn and other night sky objects, aided by great viewing conditions.

Blackwater Falls

Bob reminded the group that we had decided to raffle an iPad at Blackwater. He plans to buy the iPad in the next week or so. Raffle tickets should be available at the July meeting.

We then discussed a telescope that Becky Littleton donated to the Club, and whether it should be our primary raffle prize at Blackwater. The Board will take up the issue of how we manage raffle prizes for Blackwater.

We also discussed the opportunity to solicit speakers for Blackwater from the upcoming Green Bank Star Quest event.

January Meeting Venue Possibilities

Bob had previously asked Club members to be thinking about where we could hold our January dinner meeting. He mentioned the Fifth Quarter, catering at the Hansford Center, and the Quarrier Diner as possibilities. Bob asked the membership to continue to identify options.

Possible Future Meeting Topics

Bob shared that he had planned to discuss asteroids, material from the Night Sky Network, and the Green Bank telescope. Since time was tight, we will hold those discussions for future meetings.

Next Meeting – July Star Party at Breezy Point Observatory

Our next meeting will be Friday, July 20, at Breezy Point Observatory. We will be hosting a Star Party for the Library Commission, so everyone is asked to bring telescopes, binoculars, etc, to support the event. Come early to be able to set up during the daylight – target to set up by 8:30 pm.

Those in attendance at the June meeting –

(Apologies to anyone who was missed – it was difficult to circulate a sign in sheet at the observatory – easier when we're in a "classroom" environment. Additional apologies for my reading ability on some of the names).

Judy Waugh	Bob Frostick
Robert Dean	Melissa Thorner
John Willson	Rodney Waugh
Sam Willson	Bryson McCain
Ed Connors	Chuck Spann
Janet Willson	Dewey Pouthieu
Kathy Walker	William Blake
Karen Wells	Glen Taylor
Eric Walker	Michael Riggs
Cody Walker	Carol Hilleary
Brent Ogle	

Submitted by John Willson, Secretary