

KVAS Meeting Minutes – 8/17/13
Breezy Point Observatory – Sissonville, WV
Minutes Taken by John Willson, Secretary

The Club held its annual picnic at the Observatory, followed by a brief business meeting.

Scope Mount Update – Rodney Waugh

Rodney showed the Club our new mount, which is in the process of being installed. Rodney reviewed some of the capabilities of the mount, and showcased its “heft and robustness” – it is extremely well made, and should give great service to the Club for years to come.

There was discussion on what we should do with the current pier – the consensus was that we should keep it for now, especially until the new mount is up and running, and that there is no particular hurry to sell it.

Blackwater Falls Update – Rodney Waugh

Rodney gave a brief update on preparations for our annual Astronomy Weekend at Blackwater Falls. Speakers have been lined up and preparations are on schedule.

Melissa Thorner asked about cabin arrangements and reservations. Anyone interested in staying in a cabin should e-mail Chuck Spann.

Treasurer’s Report – Danny Blair

Danny reported that we have approximately \$6000 in our treasury. The fact that we have this balance played in to the decision to delay selling of our current pier, since we don’t really need the money immediately.

Future Meetings – Bob Frostick

September	Blackwater Falls Astronomy Weekend
October	Bob suggested we meet at Breezy Point, assuming we have our new telescope mount up and running
November	No special plans – need volunteers to present the program
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January, 2014	Propose returning to Ryan’s on Corridor G for our Annual Dinner – we had a good experience last year

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm, under cloudy skies, but all the good food made the evening more than worthwhile.

Work Party to Paint the Observatory Roof Track Supports - John Willson

John suggested that we organize a volunteer work party for an upcoming weekend to scrape and re-paint the supports for the roof track supports. John will organize a group to do this.

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