

**KVAS Minutes
Hansford Center
08/19/11 7:30 PM**

Members Present:

Melissa Thorner, Diane Wood, Glenn Taylor, Brent Ogle, Robert Dean, Bonnie Dean, Clarence Bowman, Linda Jackson, Carol Hillary, Judy Waugh, Rodney Waugh, Sandy Blair, Danny Blair, Michael Riggs, Chuck Spann, Bob Frostick, Debbie Frostic, Bryson McCain

Visitor: Bob DeVere, WV Civil Air Patrol, 2 Grosscup Rd. Charleston, WV 25314

Refreshments: Melissa Thorner & Diane Wood

Program: Michael Riggs

Night Sky: Brent Ogle

Business:

Treasurer Report:

2 CD's \$4000.00 & \$4,500.00

Checking Acct: \$2000.00

Cash on Hand: \$1,600.00

We spent \$674.00 on Breezy Point electrical pole repair (damaged from summer storms)

Annual Picnic: In lieu of next month's meeting, the club will have the annual picnic at Breezy Point Observatory at 5pm. Bryson McCain will bring a second grill. Members should bring a couple of covered dishes. No speaker scheduled for next month.

Blackwater Falls Cabin List: 3 Cabins; One 8 person, Two 4 person;

- The list was passed around for members to sign up to stay in a cabin.
- There is a growing list of speakers. There are about 9 or 10 speakers scheduled for Saturday.
- This will be the 22nd BWF Astronomy weekend.
- A letter went out for requests for door prizes.
- We voted last month to purchase a tablet computer. The value is \$500.00 with Basic WiFi. A 3G model would up the price to \$800.00. If we spend \$500.00 on the major door prize then it would take selling 100 raffle tickets to break even. We usually sell 5 tickets for \$20.00.
- Danny Blair made the motion to buy a I-Pad for \$499.00. Melissa Thorner seconded the motion. The motion carried to buy one I-Pad with 16 Megabyte WiFi for the main raffle door prize for BWF.

Brent Maynard will give a presentation before the end of the year.

Jackson & Bowman wedding Sunday, October 9, 2pm

Star Quest dates for next year will be June 20-23.

Charleston newspaper published an article about the Earth had 2 moons at one time that merged.

VESTA is the 4th largest Near Earth Object.

Space Weather website announced the sun is getting very active with major Solar Flares. There was a "Solar Magnetic Disturbance Warning", August 9th, with possible auroras.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Thorner