



October 18, 2019 Notes

The KVAS met at Camp Virgil Tate for the October meeting. Janet Willson opened the meeting and introduced guest speaker, Emily McCormick. Emily has been the VISTA volunteer for CVT/4H for the past year and she shared some ideas about marketing, advertising and grant writing for KVAS.

The Treasurer's report was read by John Willson, and the observatory update was given by Rodney Waugh and Ed Connors. The Cheshire collimator and the laser collimator have now been purchased for the club scope, and the scope will be ready for the November Star Party scheduled for 100 students and adults from the local Nazarene Churches. Dan Pleska, web manager, reported that he has recently renewed the kvas.org domain for another 5 years.

There was a briefing on the success of the Blackwater Falls Astronomy Weekend. Approximately 65-75 attended, 2 new families joined KVAS, and there was a good star gazing evening on Friday. This was the first year for a **kid's-only raffle**, so the raffle was a big hit for both kids and adults. Next year's BWF Star Party will be September 18-19, 2020 so get reservations for the campsites, as well as, the lodge and cabins early to ensure a place for you.

Ed Connors showed the video *Perfect Planet* and offered astrophotography lessons at Breezy Point after the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2019 at Camp Virgil Tate with Bob Frostick presenting. The following month is the annual Christmas dinner. Since the December 20 meeting is so close to Christmas, it has been **changed to December 13, 2019**. The Club will provide meat and paper goods and members and their guests attending are asked to bring their favorite side dish to add to a delicious dinner together. Mark your calendar for this.

KVAS would like to **WELCOME** our newest members, **Paul and Caroline Ostand and Hans and Louise Heynau**.

Notes by Deb Frostick