

KVAS NOTES 11/20/15

The November meeting began with information about the cost of renting facilities at Camp Virgil Tate as KVAS meetings would then be closer to Breezy Point. However, the cost of renting any room, etc. was too costly for the club. The Hansford Center, at present, is still available and the club will continue with an annual \$100 donation.

On December 14 at 6:30 the Camp Virgil Tate Board of Directors will meet and Rodney would like to attend. He will discuss the paperwork for Breezy Point's land agreement. At this time the lawyer for the camp has not produced any documentation that would extend our "agreement" for continued use of the property. He also would like to ask the board's permission, if the land agreement is extended, for the club to potentially build a building for meetings on the mountain top.

The club discussed a building that would be durable (block or metal) and big enough to hold meetings. Mention was made that block would hold energy and release waves that would distort viewing thru the scope. John Willson posed the question of "**Why does the club feel that a building would be beneficial?**" This would be vital information for any grant written for funding this venture. Members feel that a building would encourage more/new members to attend and immediately make their way to the telescope area for viewing. The building could also be used for presentations at club meetings and for star parties, as well as, for shelter when the club or star party is transitioning between viewing sessions.

Possible ways to derive funds for the building are writing grants and increasing membership:

Greater KV Association-to write this grant a member would need to attend seminars and be on the mailing list

Grant Space-an opportunity associated with the library

Several other potential grant sources could be tapped if the club were associated with an organization that is considered city/county/state government. Rodney says he will inquire into an affiliation with the County Commission at the board meeting since it is associated with Camp Virgil Tate.

Building Membership

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Clay Center affiliation

Increased public KVAS Star Parties

News coverage

Local Bulletin Boards

Telescope displays

**The board agreed that the club would provide a ham and turkey for the Christmas meeting on December 18 at 7:00 at the Hansford Center. Bring your family and friends and please let Rodney know what dish you would like to bring to make this a fun and tasty holiday meeting.