



Notes 6/15/18

The June 15th KVAS meeting at the Hansford Center was called to order by Janet Willson. The evening began with a presentation on *Distance in Space* by Bob Frostick. The members enjoyed talking with Michael Riggs by phone, and he says that he is much stronger and hopes to be home soon. We also send wishes for a speedy recovery to Sandy Blair.

John Willson read the treasurer's report and it was accepted, and no changes were reported for the secretary's notes.

Club and Observatory News

Rodney Waugh reports that the telescope at Breezy Point should be in PARK 4 position on the east side and not in the west as previously suggested. He also says that the new stone on the road looks good and very little mud was visible.

If you have not yet paid your club dues for the 2018 year, please contact John Willson.

Blackwater Update

The 29th annual Blackwater Falls Star Party is set for September 6-8 and has 9 speakers scheduled to present.

Janet Willson had 3 posters made to display and direct people to the party activities.

The Nature Center will have the beginner's course from 9-10:30 on Saturday, June 8.

Bob Frostick made a motion to have a Meade ETX 80 telescope as the club's raffle prize this year, and Kay Brown seconded the motion.

The vendor's invitation for door prizes along with a club brochure was sent to vendors in June. The letters were given to Danny Blair for mailing.

Upcoming

Rodney Waugh sent an email that he and Ed Connors were going to be investigating the 2 moons of Mars using the club's scope. An excerpt from his email is below.

"The July Issue of Sky&Telescope has an article on pages 52Up & 53 named "Hunting and Deimos". I highly recommend reading this article. A website is listed as: <https://is.gd/marsmoonstable> for a list of elongation times of both moons in the months closest to opposition.

We may or may not be successful with our observations. Please join us at BPO. Stay tuned for more information." Rodney

The July meeting will be held at the Hansford Center on July 20 at 7:00. Bring a light refreshment to share as **Keith Pauley, who worked with NASA on the space shuttle, presents. Afterwards there will be a training session at Breezy Point for everyone interested in operating the club's scope.

**Rodney Waugh and Robert Dean are tentatively planning a star party on August 11 at Beech Fork State Park on 5601 Long Branch Road in Barboursville . More information will be coming about the event when it is finalized. If you plan to spend the night, bring your camping gear as there is no lodge.

**The annual club picnic will be on August 17 this year at Breezy Point. Bring a side dish and join us with your family and friends as we enjoy good food and good observing.

Bob Frostick made the motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Janet Willson. The club adjourned to Breezy Point to observe.

Present at the June meeting:

John Willson	Janet Willson	Jane Caruthers	Judy Waugh
Rodney Waugh	Robert Dean	Kay Brown	Bob Frostick
Linda McCallister	Ernie Snodgrass	Deb Frostick	

Notes by Deb Frostick, Secretary

Any discrepancy in notes may be presented at the July meeting at the Hansford Center.