

KVAS Meeting
July 2020

Attendance - Zoom Meeting: Rodney Waugh, Robert Dean, Ed Connors, John Dennis, Lewis Cook, John Giroir , Danny Blair, Jane Corathers, Bill Brown, John Willson, Janet Willson

Meeting:

The meeting was opened by the President, Rodney Waugh.

Progress on the telescope

Ed Connors, took the metal to Byrd machine. The blue prints are complete. Bill Brown will take the plans to his brother, David, to do Auto Cad and take it to Byrd machine. The mirror has black spots and pits on it. The mirror will be taken to Virginia where the old coating will be stripped off and be re coated. There will be a 7 - 10 day turn around. The mirror cell and coating will cost approximately \$375.00.

Comet Neowise - located in the northwest.

Astronomy Weekend - Letters will go out about AW. Due to Covid 19 situation, KVAS has reserved the Pendleton Point Picnic shelter for Friday and Saturday, September 18-19. The shelter is covered and has rest rooms. There will be solar viewing for day activities. Guest speakers so far include Jeff Ball, Jay Lockman and Loren Anderson. Evening star parties will take place at the Harold Walters Nature Center. Blackwater Falls has provided 2 two bedroom cabins for our members.

Calhoun County Observatory - John Dennis gave an update about the Calhoun County Observatory. They are running electricity and will build a shelter. There will also be electrical plug ins for astronomy. So far this year, they have had 5 star parties and use the barn for talks. They have built an amphitheater, rest rooms and showers for campers. Most campers have RV's. Donny Pittman is the President on the Committee that handles the part. They charge \$10.00 for tent camping.

Breezy Point Maintenance - there was a discussion concerning the trees at BP. Rodney will talk to Jason concerning this.

New Astronomy Store - Jeremy Bumgartner has opened an astronomy store in Clarksburg called "Insight Astronomy". They also have a Facebook page.

Janet made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Robert Dean. The next meeting will be on