



KVAS NOTES 3/18/16

The KVAS met at The Hansford Center in St. Albans at 7:00PM. The meeting began with the approval of February's minutes, and the treasurer's report was given and accepted by the members. Refreshments were provided by Danny and Sandy Blair. Thank you.

Rodney Waugh showed the film ***Binoculars and Backyard Astronomy*** as the program of the evening along with a discussion on the Vernal Equinox. Scott Blake also presented a theory that a recently researched bone mound had a connection to the equinox. Rodney concluded with a discussion of Oppositions of Mars.

Ed Conner reported that software upgrades were done on the telescope and the time was reset so the telescope appears to be working perfectly. Ed showed pictures taken through the scope and said that the only things needed were T mounts for either Kodak or Nikon cameras in order to take pictures of this quality. Bob Frostick suggested that the mounts be purchased so anyone would be able to take pictures with the club's scope. Ed said he would look into this purchase suggestion.

Janet Willson met with the Outreach Committee on May 16 to plan upcoming events.

- a. Astronomy Day on May 14
- b. Open House at Breezy Point
- c. Opposition of Mars on July 23

Rodney suggested that Astronomy Day could be on May 21 in lieu of the May meeting date as this would be the best evening for viewing Mars in the constellation of Scorpius. Mars will be visible most of the evening until midnight on this date. The members agreed to the change in date. Melissa suggested that the club might consider inviting a local celebrity such as Hoppy Kercheval to draw more interest in some of the events planned by the committee.

Notes: Deb Frostick, Secretary