



Kanawha Valley Astronomical Society

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Welcome

- President Rodney Waugh called the meeting to order at 18:00 p.m. Members in attendance included: Rodney Waugh; Judy Waugh; Scott Blake; Caroline Ostand; Paul Ostand; Dan Hayne; Jason Young; Bill Brown; Ed Connors; Kaitlin Bedekovich; Robert Dean

Minutes

- The February, 18 2022 minutes were not presented by Secretary, Jason Young.

Financial Update

- Interim Treasurer John Willson was not present. The Monthly Financial Summary was presented by Rodney Waugh: The KVAS club account has \$11,000.00 in round numbers and the Observatory Construction account has \$10,000.00 in round numbers.
- Donation to the Observatory Construction Fund \$75.00.

New Business

- Annual Dues: Bill Brown-Paid; Mr. & Mrs. Ostand-Paid; Dan Hayne-Paid; Ed Connors-Paid; Robert Dean- Paid; Mr. & Mrs. Waugh- Paid; Kaitlin Bedekovich-Paid; Jason Young-Paid. Total Dues Collected \$225.00.

Old Business

- Observatory Construction: Ed Connors presented a quote from Charles & Co. LLC for \$23,901.59 (document attached).
- Jason Young was asked to check whether or not a building permit is needed.
- The bid process was discussed and generally decided that three bids should be obtained.
- Ed Connors made a motion to pay Charles & Co. LLC the sum of \$50.00 for providing the quote. Dan Hayne seconded the motion, motion passed.
- Rodney Waugh reviewed a handout he created to give to contractors at the West Virginia Construction & Design Exposition on March, 23-24 2022. This handout will give specifications for the new observatory in hopes that KVAS can obtain more bids for construction of the new observatory.

Discussion

- Scott Blake, Radio Astronomy: The Society of Amateur Radio Astronomers (SARA) has a radio telescope kit that will detect the Hydrogen line. This kit comes with everything needed including software, the cost is \$295.00. The need for this instrument was discussed and generally decided that it would be a valuable asset to further the educational aspect of KVAS. Scott will look into the electromagnetic interference in the area and, possible ways this could effect the use of radio telescopes from Breezy Point.

- Bill Brown & Jason Young, Google Workspace & Tech Soup: Google Workspace overview was discussed outlining the benefit to KVAS by increasing the organization and communication of KVAS. Rodney Waugh formed a committee to set up Google Workspace. The committee members are Bill Brown (chair) & Jason Young.
- Rodney Waugh developed a donation receipt form, Jason Young will update the document and email it to club members.
- Ed Connors brought up the re-coating of the mirrors for the Don Haxton Telescope. It was generally decided that more information was needed before a decision was made. Ed Connors and Rodney Waugh will gather information such as, weight, size, replacement cost and, then get quotes to ship the mirrors for re-coating.
- The donated 8" Celestron scope was taken to Bill Brown's for storage.
- Rodney Waugh requested all club members gather information and items for the raffle and door prizes for Blackwater Falls Star Party September, 16-18 2022.

Events

- WVU Space Camp March, 4-6 2022: Astronomy themed crafts; experiments; planetarium exhibit, star party at Breezy Point. Members present: Bill Brown, Robert Dean, Rodney Waugh, Dan Hayne, Jason Young. The event went well and the participants enjoyed the star party. Bill Brown led a question and answer session after observing.
- UPCOMING: Nitro MiniCon: June, 11th 2022 Nitro Living Memorial Park. The organizers have donated booth space for KVAS. Last year the most interest was around astrophotography, all club members are encouraged to come. Bill Brown and Jason Young will bring their astrophotography set-ups.

Adjournment

- Jason Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed. The next meeting will be held on April, 22nd 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Board Secretary, Jason Young