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“All the news that fits in print”

July 2016

NHAS July 2016 Business Meeting

The July business meeting was held at St. Anselm College, our President, John Bishop, presiding.

We had a successful summer potluck social. Thanks to our hosts and to the coordinator!

The Library Telescope Program is taking over the world. The St. Louis Astronomy Club has placed 88 library scopes in the greater St. Louis, Mo. area. The Aldrich Astronomical Society in central Massachusetts has placed over 65 scopes. There is LTP activity in New Zealand, Poland, Israel, London, PEI, and others. The Astronomical League is promoting the LTP.

The Future Is Now

We will hold club observing nights at Benedictine Park in Bedford, 7-11 PM, on August 16, and September 23. Each of these events needs a coordinator.

Gary Duranko, our coordinator for the New England Fall Astronomy Festival (NEFAS), reports that this year’s event will be September 9 and 10 at UNH. HAS will conduct sky watches both nights and solar observing in the daytime. HAS possibly will have an indoor booth, perhaps with a display related to the 2017 total solar eclipse. HAS will give two presentations on “What’s Up in Tonight’s Sky.” There is still a ½-hour slot on Saturday for someone to talk about NHAS. Contact Gary at duranko@myfairpoint.net if you’re interested in helping out.

The Nashua Telegraph ran an article on new street lighting in Nashua. There is a meeting on Tuesday July 26 to discuss options for LED lighting.

YFOS

Larry Lopez reports that three volunteers did the mowing. Joel Harris is finished with the work on the C14 except for the focuser.

Educational Outreach

Steve Rand reports that four library telescopes were built this month.

Membership

Larry LaForge is our new Membership Chairman. He has been researching ways to attract younger members. They are more attuned to social media technology (Facebook, etc.). Larry proposed setting up a MeetUp website to coordinate meetings and events such as sky watches. There is a fee and you have to set up an organizer. He also proposes more postings to Facebook and Twitter. Larry, Gardner Gerry, and Matt Marulla are running the NHAS Facebook presence.

John Bishop, as president, authorized the $10/month for a six-month trial of MeetUp.

It was proposed that we get iPhone adapters for telescopes, as many sky watch participants want to take images with their cell phones. Larry will investigate devices, costs, and so on.

Astronomy Shorts

“Rags” Gilmore has a free C8 dew shield.

Mike Townsend has an Astro-Physics 5” refractor and other equipment for sale.

Marc Stowbridge announced that Paul Winalski’s name was proposed for the Los Combres outreach award.

John Bishop reported seeing a bald eagle in Merrimack.

Guest Speaker

John Blackwell presented “Chile: Land of Telescopes”.

The Bottom Line

Starting Balance: $15312.08
Deposits/Credits:
Membership: 272.10
Donations: 435.00
Bank interest: 0.37
Subscription: 66.02
Extra years: 40.00
Ramawasmany (LED Headlamp): 17.00
Total: 830.49
Accounts/Paid:
Rackspace Cloud: 58.01
Astronomical League: 257.50
Kalmbach Publishing: 102.00
Total: 417.51
Net Account Balance: $15725.06
Petty cash drawer: $100.00
Cash Balance: $15825.06

Membership: 168
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Cash Renewals: 2 2 80.00
Cash New: 0 0 0.00
PayPal Renewals: 2 1 67.37
PayPal New: 4 1 124.73
Total: 8 272.10

Current Members: 176
31 Family
122 PayPal

New Members:
Tom Peno, Northumberland
Mary Ann Krebs, Dover
Russ Dumbert Hooksett

On the web at http://www.nhastro.com/
Scott Eich, Manchester

Donations:
Laconia Public Library  325.00
KRES of Bradford 3rd Grade Class  100.00
John Russel  10.00

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