



Willingboro Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm by President Drew Maser

New guests

Two guests were present. Mike from Pennsauken and Joe from Blackwood

Old Business

By Laws and Articles of Incorporation

- 1) Submitted to IRS along with Tax Exempt Application in 2013
- 2) Wait until IRS rules on this application
- 3) After approval by the IRS, discuss proposed changes to the By Laws at formal business meetings

New Business

Meeting Times

- 1) Doors open about 7 pm
- 2) 7 pm to 7:45 pm informal chat and meeting preparation (presenters provide pictures/presentations)
- 3) 7:45 pm to about 8:30 pm Business meeting
- 4) About 8:30 pm to 9:45 pm Observations and discussions
- 5) 9:45 pm Home or Pizza

Meeting Dates

- 1) Propose moving the formal meeting to Friday closest to the full moon
- 2) Post this proposal on e-group 5 days before meeting
- 3) Vote on proposal to change meeting dates during April formal business meeting
 - a) Question: In the future are you considering only one meeting/month
 - b) Answer: Yes, and also not having a meeting (s) in Summer
 - c) Question: When will the informal meeting be held?
 - d) Answer: two weeks after the formal meeting scheduled closest to the full moon

Speakers

- 1) Proposal to bring in speakers to give a presentation
- 2) Members are encouraged to:
 - a) Recommend speakers
 - b) Suggested topics to date – Newtonian prime focus
 - c) Stipend? Discuss at future business meetings

Committee Appointments

- 1) Star watch coordinator – Bernie H
- 2) Observations – Open (Joe)
- 3) Website – Joe/Jeremy
- 4) Food gathers – Drew/Bernie K/Bernie H
- 5) Rental/Loaner Chairperson – Open
- 6) Site Committee – New position

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, please contact a WAS officer.

Budget

Board will prepare budget and present to club at a formal meeting covering:

- 1) Past and present
- 2) Dues
- 3) Picnics
- 4) Donations

2014 Star Party Schedule

Bernie H will post schedule in February

Observations and General Discussion

- 1) Venus inferior conjunction pictures and discussion
- 2) Article on misuse of green lasers
- 3) Exceptionally rare moons – 2 new moons in January – no new moons in February – 2 new moons in March
- 4) Orbits of sun and planets
- 5) Member observatory and pictures

Submitted by Jim Foy, WAS Secretary.