



## Willingboro Astronomical Society

### Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2014

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**The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm by President Drew Maser**

#### **New guests**

None

#### **Introductions and astronomical events of interest update**

##### WAS Meetings

1. June 6<sup>th</sup>: Formal business meeting
2. July 4<sup>th</sup>: Meeting cancelled due to Holiday
3. June 20<sup>th</sup>: Informal, non-business meeting
4. July 18<sup>th</sup>: Formal business meeting

##### Star Watch Dates

1. May 24, 2014: New meteor shower early hours (2 to 4 AM). Earth will pass through the predicted debris trail of Comet 209P/LINEAR.
2. Texas Star Party is May 25 - June 1
3. Cherry Springs Star Party is June 26 - 29
4. Black Forest Star Party is Aug 22 – 24

Shown: Tonight's sky for May movie to club members

#### **Old Business**

##### Willingboro Astronomical Society (WAS) Star Watches (mark your calendars):

5. Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Campout at Franklin Parker Preserve
  - a. Observation night open to WAS members
  - b. Bring your own food and drink
6. Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Franklin Parker Preserve
  - a. Public star watch starts about 8PM
  - b. WAS members are welcome to camp overnight
7. June 21<sup>st</sup>: Public star watch at Batsto Village

## By Laws and Articles of Incorporation

By laws have not yet been approved by the IRS

## Budget

- Presented Budget to club. The budget was discussed by the group. Basically the club is spending more than it takes in.
- After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to raise WAS dues to \$30/year
- Motion was voted on
- The motion passed by a unanimous decision in favor

WAS dues are \$30/year

## Picnic

- The WAS picnic Camp at Ockanickon, Medford, New Jersey is all set
- Date: Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>
- Rain date: Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

July 18<sup>th</sup> will be the WAS sponsored swap meet

Janet K. plans to start a Newsletter

## **New Business**

Proposed Franklin Parker Preserve Astronomy Park (Sponsor NJ Conservation Foundation)

- Dedicated astronomy field located near Prince Street, Chatsworth, NJ
- The 1.25 acre field (former blueberry field) will have gated access available to WAS members in good standing
- WAS will conduct public star watches open to the public
- WAS members in good standing can also have private star watches at any time
- No cost to the club
- WAS is responsible for maintaining the grounds and providing insurance
- Overnight camping is not permitted

Next steps – Scout out the location while (FPP star watch)

## **Observations and General Discussion**

1. Roger: Presentation on pinhole camera made for 8X10 photo paper
2. Alan: Showed gear from Edmund Scientific
3. Dave: Showed digitally reprocessed H<sub>alpha</sub> image of horse head and flame using Images Plus software

4. Bernie K: Showed the parts of a binocular and passed around a pair that was sawed in half
5. Drew: NEAF presentation

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

*Submitted by Jim Foy, WAS Secretary.*