



## Willingboro Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2014

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**The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Drew Maser**

### **New guests**

None

### **Attendance**

Was Members: 10

Was Officers: 4

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

#### WAS business meetings and events

1. October 3<sup>th</sup> formal meeting
2. October 17 informal meeting only if the public star watch scheduled the same night is cancelled
3. November 7<sup>th</sup> formal meeting
4. December 5<sup>th</sup> formal meeting – elections
5. December 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party

#### Public Events of Interest

1. Oct 20 9:29 AM Scheduled Launch of Antares from Wallops

Showed: Tonight's sky for October movie to club members

### **Old Business**

#### Second Picnic at Camp Ockanickon

- Too late this year due to weather
- Next year will try to schedule 2 WAS picnics

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

- October 17<sup>th</sup> Atsion (rain date 18<sup>th</sup>)
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Timothy Christian Academy
- October 25<sup>th</sup> Franklin Parker Preserve
- November 15<sup>th</sup> Batsto in Wharton State Forest

### By Laws and Articles of Incorporation

- WAS has been approved by the IRS as a non-profit organization
- The by-laws in the application were also reviewed and approved by the IRS
- By-laws and articles of incorporation – Board will take a look at the approved by-laws and articles of incorporation during the month of November
- The IRS requires 3 items
- The other items can be modified

### Budget

Treasurer's report:

- Income reported
- Received the insurance bill
- Next expense is for the Holiday party

### Franklin Parker Preserve (FPP) proposal for new astronomy site

- Waiting for plan from FPP for training of WAS members to use equipment needed to maintain the site
- Expect a response before the October 25<sup>th</sup> scheduled star watch at FPP
- The WAS insurance policy needs to be evaluated to determine if FPP can be added

## **New Business**

### Holiday Party December 13<sup>th</sup>

- WAS will provide the Food
- Cost \$5 per attendee
- For those wishing to exchange gifts, will sponsor a Pollyana with a maximum \$15

### Propose to change the name of WAS to something generic

- The goal is to get rid of the outdated location reference.
- Next month or so provide a list of name suggestions.

### Nominations for 2015 Officers

- President – Drew Maser
- Vice President – Bernie Hosko
- Treasurer – Joe Stieber
- Secretary – Jim Foy

### 2015 Calendars and RASC Handbooks

- Place order and provide money to Alan Daroff by the end of the November 7th meeting
- RASC Handbook – cost is \$24
- RASC Calendar – cost is \$17
- Gary is also taking orders for the Astronomy Magazine calendar – cost is \$13

### Comic interlude

## **Observations and General Discussion**

- Lunar eclipse on October 8<sup>th</sup> need a low western horizon for setting eclipsed moon
- Solar eclipse 15 days later (Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>) need low horizon – about 20% ingress as sun sets
- Val: offered donation Edmund mount and Edmund scope for this school
- Gary W. gave a talk on meteors and meteorites

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.

*Submitted by Jim Foy, WAS Secretary.*