



## Willingboro Astronomical Society

### Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2015

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**The meeting was called to order at 7:56 PM by President Drew Maser**

#### **New guests**

None

#### **Attendance**

Was Members: 11

Was Officers: 3

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

WAS business meetings and events on the club website (<http://www.wasociety.us/>)

1. Formal business meeting February 6th
2. Informal business meeting February 20th
3. Formal business meeting March 3rd

#### **Area Events**

Winter Star Party: 2/16 to 2/22

NEAF: 4/18 & 19

TEXAS Star Party: 5/10 to 5/17

Cherry Springs: 6/11 to 6/14

Mason Dixon: 7/15 to 7/19

Stellafane: 8/13 to 8/16

Black Forest: 9/14 to 9/20

## List of Events Viewable in the Night Sky

Lunar Eclipse: April 4, 2015

Lunar Eclipse: September 29, 2015

New moons: January 20 and February 18

Jupiter: Rare triple shadow transit January 24

Showed the Lunar V and the Lunar X: Website for additional information

<http://www.eyesonthesky.com/Moon/LunarX.aspx>

Provided overview of what is available for the month of January (moon phase meteor showers and planets) - Add to website.

## **Old Business**

### By Laws and Articles of Incorporation

Nothing discussed

### Budget

Treasurer's report:

- Income reported
- Budget is forthcoming
- Deadline for annual dues is January: \$30/year

## **New Business**

- Star watches will be coordinated at the Board level
- Looking for new site committee – looking for volunteers

## **Observations and General Discussion**

- General: Comet Lovejoy pictures and animation from Astropix
- Alan D: Star trails picture taken at the equator
- Bernie K: New Vixen 2.1X42 Constellation Binoculars available
- Rodger: Moon and Saturn picture
- NASA mounted telescope in airplanes: Discussed SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy)
- Jim S: Jupiter picture

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.

*Submitted by Jim Foy, WAS Secretary.*