



Willingboro Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:52PM by President Drew Maser

New guests

None

Attendance

Was Members: 12

Was Officers: 4

Introductions and astronomical events of interest update

WAS business meetings and events listed on the website

- Informal business meeting February 20th
- Formal business meeting March 6th
- Informal business meeting March 20th

Area Events for 2015

- Winter Star Party: 2/16 to 2/22
- NEAF: 4/18 & 4/19
- 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 Star Party: 9/14 to 9/20
- Lunar eclipse: April 4th

Old Business

Treasurer's report:

- Balance presented

- Dues are overdue

New Business

Batsto Public Star Watch Dates for 2015 (held close to the first quarter moon):

- Saturday, April 25th – Starts at 7:30 PM
- Saturday, June 27th – Starts at 8:30 PM
- Saturday, Aug 22nd - Solar observation event 11 AM to 4 PM
- Saturday, Sept 19th – Starts at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, Nov 7th – Starts at 5:00 PM

May and October public star watches are open:

- Some WAS members wanted to continue the Memorial Day camp out and public star watch at Franklin Parker State Park (FPP).
- Called FPP to discuss star watches. No reply to date.
- Will continue to try to contact FPP about star watches in 2015.

Topic for WAS formal business meetings:

- March 6th - Winter star party report
- April 3rd - Lunar night
- May 1st - Show and Tell
- June 5th - Solar night

Observations and General Discussion

- Jerry L: WinJUPOS freeware software demonstration.
- Jerry L: Hubble picture of triple transit Jupiter.
- Feb 21st, the moon occults Uranus.
- Dave N: presented calculations of the Ecliptic motion relative to the equator.
- Alan D: Observed Tues moon close to Jupiter and comet Lovejoy all clear nights this week.
- Val: Brought Items to give away.
- Viewed comet Lovejoy 2015 photos and gifs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Submitted by Jim Foy, WAS Secretary.