



Willingboro Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 PM by President Drew Maser

New guests

None

Attendance

Was Members: 15

Was Officers: 4

Introductions and astronomical events of interest update

WAS business meetings and events listed on the website

- Informal business meeting April 17th
- Formal business meeting May 1st – Show and Tell Night
- Informal business meeting May 17th

Current list of Star watches for 2015

- April 25th – Batsto Village
- May 29th (Friday) – Cecil Creek Farm
- June 27th – Batsto Village
- July 25th – Batsto Village
- August 7th (Friday) – Rancocas Nature Center
- August 22nd – Batsto Village
- September 19th – Batsto Village
- November 7th – Batsto Village

October is still open

Area Events for 2015

- 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
- April 16/17 NEIC
- Next Lunar Eclipse is in October – more favorable

Old Business

Treasurer's report:

- Balance presented

New Business

- Harold Williams received the Hershel 400 List award from the Astronomical League. Worked on the list for 9 years. Observed at Batsto, Cherry Springs and the New Jersey Shore. Observed these objects with an 8" LX200, a 16" DOB and an 11" Celestron.

Congratulations to Harold!!!

Topic for WAS formal business meetings:

- April 3rd - Lunar night
- May 1st - Show and Tell
- June 5th - Solar night

Observations and General Discussion

- James M: Showed scenic pictures taken with modified camera from the Winter Star Party. Also showed deep sky images of the Pleiades, Rosette and the Horsehead.
- James M: Selling Ioptron sky tracker and books and voices from the moon and Apollo 11 mission.
- Bernie K.: Showed separation of stars in the Big Dipper and then distance to Polaris and Arcturus and Vega. Also estimated how long it takes the moon to move it's own diameter.
- Bernie K.: Show and tell of homemade wide field low power binoculars.
- Jerry L: Showed 'Aliens Movie' on Astropix.com website, M49 and the super nova in Sagittarius that went up, then down and back up in brightness.
- Joe S: Showed wide field and telephoto lens pictures of Sagittarius with supernova.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Submitted by Jim Foy, WAS Secretary.