



Willingboro Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM by President Drew Maser

New guests

Tom from Barrington

Attendance

Was Members: 16

Was Officers: 3

Introductions and astronomical events of interest update

WAS business meetings and events listed on the website

- September 18th informal business meeting
- October 2nd formal business meeting
- October 16th informal business meeting
- Dec 12th Holiday party

Current list of Star watches for 2015 (check for WAS website for start times, changes or cancellations)

- September 19th – Batsto Village
- October 23rd - Cecil Farms

November and December are currently open

Area Events for 2015

- Black Forest Star Party: 9/14 to 9/20
- Next 'Super Blood Moon' Lunar Eclipse is September 27th. Completely visible from East Coast.

Old Business

Treasurer's report:

- Balance presented

New Business

- Oct 2nd, nominations of candidates for 2016 WAS board members starts. The nominations are open to all paid WAS members in good standing.
- Elections of new officers is December 4th

Observations and General Discussion (Solar and Lunar)

- Drew M: Gave a report and showed pictures of Bellevue Winery and the Batsto Solar observations public star watches.
- Bernie K: Reflectivity of glass. Glass normally reflects 4%. For an uncoated 6inch mirror, a star will be about 2.7 mags brighter compared to what is visible to the eye.
- Jim F: Report for Riverside Event, only had 3 scopes – members got to see Saturn for the first time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

Submitted by Jim Foy, WAS Secretary.