

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2016

Thirteen (13) people in attendance. Start at 7:55 pm

Here again at Virtua Moorestown for our meeting. People circulating around gentleman with an 8 inch dob to be given to Bernie H, Bernie K will collect it. Roger's Galilean telescope on display. Time to start.

Roger gets started, info from Bernie H, picnic potentially on July 2nd at Camp Ockanickon. After some discussion, Roger to set picnic for July 2nd, will confirm with Bernie H.

Next Public Star Watch is May 14th. Words from Joe watching Mercury, more comments from Roger. Wade here now, some show and tell for tonight. From Roger a Galilean scope, and another version, some discussion of optical glass and its development, low power. Saturn and Galileo observations, digress to comets mostly from Joe then Bernie K. Now Wade and treasury report. New balance is \$2,977.91. So now 41 members paid in, some from PayPal. Joe moves outside to view Mercury, others follow. From Roger some hints of Galileo's method to encrypt his journals.

Now to show and tell first is Ken with pocket sky atlas. Questions of how to use the atlas, and finders how to use them, comments from Gary, lots of comments from Joe on using it .On to eyepieces and use of Barlows for increased power, what does it get you. More comments from Bernie K about eyepiece specs. The conversation continues, a long time. Next, Joe shows new Jumbo version of the Pocket Sky Atlas, some more pages added of select enlarged areas. Last Public Star Watch, Gary had power problem with his scope, members made a fix during meeting. Jim F had some images, planet Jupiter mostly stacked with Registax, some with another program, comments about Jupiter and that the Great Red Spot is more red now, a number of images were presented.

Adjourned at 9:33 pm