

# **West Jersey Astronomical Society**

**Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2016**

**15 people in attendance, start 7:47 pm**

Here at Virtua, a lot of pre-conversation on the side, in the back and some on Mars banter from Bernie and Arnie. Gary comments of Mars from Pocono's, mosquitoes ruled the area. Bernie photos from Hickory run park area.

Call to order by Roger. Star party coming Aug 6th at Batsto. Can see picnic photos on web page, comments from Bernie nice place. Also, the art work of Marcus followed by more images of the area and the picnic. Question of height of Sun, why so high, more on this.

Onto scopes for sale. Quality of store scopes problem of how they are represented for use. Back to Mars and view of ecliptic drawing. Mars map, comments of the illumination also view of illumination of Earth from Mars. Back to Mars last night from Bernie. Also Florida panhandle, Chiefland Astronomy village. Back to Mars viewing. Went outside to view Mars and Saturn through the clouds, also moon, 8:55 pm back inside.

Jim Fusco at the screen, was in west Virginia at state park, images of Cacapon Resort State Park. Bernie wants listing of places to do observing. From Joe, Venus and Mercury before sunset, therefore still daytime. Remarks re: Belleplain State Forest, NJ, from Joe and Bernie, also Steelmantown in Belleplain. More remarks from Joe and Bernie, comments from Gary about dark adaptation. Still more from Bernie, check out Jupiter, the Great Red Spot now darker.

Adjourn 9:30 pm.