

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2016

Twelve (12) people in attendance, Start 7:58 pm

We are here again at Virtua in Moorestown, NJ, for astronomical pursuits. People are gathering. Bernie and Bud are setting up for projection.

At 7:48 pm, Roger getting started regarding Atsion, the permit is here, for all of Wharton State Forest. Review of permit shows limited time for field use. Jim Fusco met with State Senator Diane Allen, she will look into this matter further. Jim explained our needs and desires to her. A few notes as to what is expected from us under scope of current permit. More to follow. Some more discussion on use of State Park property. Next, holiday party plans. Roger asks -- do we want a holiday party? Some discussion of having it here at Virtua, also other location explored. Nearby Sal and Joe's also considered. So the question is, who will run the party? Potentially how many people will attend. Looking online for their menu. Tony on phone with Sal and Joe's. Trying to set up date and time. Will consider other locations such as Passariello's.

More business, Gary to be commission of election and is now taking nominations as follows:

President: Roger Cowley (reluctantly)
Vice President: Jim Fusco, Bernie Kosher
Secretary: (no takers)
Treasurer: Wade Evans

Nominations concluded for tonight.

Bud notes Facebook presence. Reminder that dues are coming up for next year, will likely be the same amount.

Gary taking orders for Astronomy magazine 2017 calendar.

Alan D ordering RASC Observer's 2017 Handbook. See Bernie K to sign up.

Roger discusses occultation of Aldeberan by moon this past Wednesday morning. Discussion led by Bernie re Aldeberan's apparent motion compared to the moon. Some discussion and comments about the rate of extinction from Bernie and more from Joe. Roger relayed from Joy an article about blinking and prospects of alien life analysis of star light by Fourier analysis. More on variable stars in general. Now to Joes web site. and Jim Fusco's photos of Antares rocket from Wallops and his comments about launch watching problems from a South Jersey farm. More comments of launch particulars from Joe. Reference to Jim Sweeney telescopic video of launch, but link now dead. Looked at Dan McCauley's photo of the launch.

Timothy Academy star watch upcoming on October 30.

Adjourn at 9:32 pm.