

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2016

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

As we gather here again at Virtua, Bernie and Gary are collecting for 2017 RASC Handbooks and 2017 Astronomy magazine calendars respectively.

Bernie is handling the projection and shows images of Jim Fusco's binocular with gyro stabilization project. Start at 7:49 pm by Roger, Batsto tomorrow night. Words about Atsion, Roger and Dan, we are cleared to stay later than the original 11 pm limit. We may be switching to Google groups, as there are rumors that Yahoo groups might be discontinued. Jim Fusco elaborates on the use of the Gmail account and photo section. Also, no word yet from Diane Allen on state park nighttime use.

Now briefly touch on nominations for office, no changes from the October 21st meeting. There seems to be little response for Holiday Party prospects, a venue is proving difficult. Roger to check if we can have it here on a Saturday. We do have this room for our meetings next year.

Now some images from Roger, Venus and Saturn at the end of last month, then the moon, followed by comments from Joe. Then some images from Joe of the young crescent moon, Venus and Saturn along with colored clouds on Nov 02, followed by the old crescent moon Jupiter and its satellites on Oct 28. Then a snapshot with the recent nova in Sagittarius. Next, pictures from Russell of the Moon, Venus and Saturn on Nov 2 as well as the moon and Jupiter on Oct 28.

Further review of using Google Gmail and web storage for display. Bernie uses Stellarium to show Heart and Soul Nebulae after viewing Dan's WAS home page image of Melotte 15, the cluster at the center of the Heart. Back to Jim and more photos of his Tac parts and other scopes.

Some words from Alan by way of Bernie concerning pole stars as time and precession go along, followed by an image from Arnie of tonight's view of Venus and the moon. More words from Jim Fusco on setting images in the Gmail photo section. Next, Bernie's star field images from Bald Eagle State Park. Many objects in the photos were successfully identified by the members. Then some of Bernie's old aurora photos from 2004 taken with *film*.

Adjourn at 9:48 pm.