

West Jersey Astronomical Society Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2017

At the Moorestown Virtua.
People in attendance: 14
Meeting start time 7:53 PM

Officers present:
Pres: Roger Cowley
VP: Jim Fusco
Tres: Wade Evans
Secy: Bernie Kosher

Roger... mentioned Hosko agrees to being star watch director.
New attendees Phil and wife with daughter are new but interested and just starting out. Tom Cotter joined and uses Meade 10" dob. Steve Kutoroff joined also.

Roger mentioned twice monthly meetings and star watches to new attendees.

Gary W is recovering from surgery and missed the meeting.

Treasury report by Wade. Total treasury is up and the Paypal is doing well. Eighteen paid as of now.

We are awaiting official recognition as WJAS.

Reasons for changing our name were discussed so new people would understand the necessity of the change.

Shifting to observing////Joe is the only one to have seen Comet 45P Honda/Mrkos etc as a fuzzy object in 16x70 binocs from Maple Shade.

Joe has not been able to find U1 in the morning sky.

Joe explained the designations for comets. Also discussed were locating the comet and pics of Uranus and the area of Venus in the sky.

Explanations of visual and automated comet surveys and naming conventions.

Photos this month Jim Fusco....Pentax K3II camera....learning curve shots of moon Venus. Camera takes a shot then a dark frame for noise reduct/
Tom spoke of camera ISO being usable in the thousands range on these new cameras.

Al Meloni pics....wide field of M31 environs....Pleiades etc.

Taken with Canon 50D,

Joe's photos from SJAstro.org of comet and Venus..extreme young moon photo 19 hours old.

BK spoke of the eclipse coming up and the possibility of eclipses from other planets.

Meeting adjourned about 9:35 pm.