

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2019

Location: Virtua Moorestown

Attendees: 16

Officers Present...

President: Steve Kutoroff

Vice President: Ray Pape

Treasurer: Wade Evans

Secretary: Arnie Rosemoff

Formal Meeting

Steve calls the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Steve will miss the October 4th meeting due to knee surgery.

The next Astronomy on Tap gathering will be August 15 at Fergie's Pub in Philadelphia.

We looked at an updated list of club-owned scopes and equipment and who has what.

We held a vote to return our informal meetings to Friday nights. The vote was unanimous to go back starting next year (2020), pending Wade coordinating the change with Virtua.

Our Swedesboro event was canceled and hopefully will be rescheduled.

We discussed the active and upcoming meteor showers. The Perseids will be August 12-13.

We looked at Dan's picture of the Pelican Nebula that's currently on the WAS homepage.

Joe is now adding text observing reports, linked on a separate page, to his SJAstro.org astro-snapshot web site.

Joe also gave a report on his relatively new Explorer Scientific 16-inch, f/4.5 Dob. He's still working on a couple of ease-of-use issues, but overall, so far so good.

We discussed the status of the club's impending Barnegat Rd observing site, but until we have a formal permit from the NJ DEP, it will only be available on select scheduled dates (Aug 29 and Sept 1 are currently set up for *members only*, carry your membership card for ID, no guests besides family). The DEP is not issuing any permits at this time, a bureaucratic situation.

We then looked at Google Maps and saw our various observing sites in the Pines and their relationship to each other. Batsto, Barnegat, and Atsion were pinpointed and the roads that link them were explored.

Steve adjourns the meeting at 9:35 pm.