

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for April 2nd 2016

Sunnybrook Preserve

Call to order

President Marty Mullet opened the meeting at 7:37. We had 11 members present.

Secretary's Report

Marches minutes are posted to the website – no changes were suggested.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$ 2,756.34
Marty Fund	\$ 5,687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$ 600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$ 625.00
Petty Cash	\$ 39.00
Total	\$9,707.34

Observatory Director

Rob Adams discussed:

1. May 21st work session – 9am
 - a. Burn Brush
 - b. Paint Warm Room and Fence
 - c. Rake Gravel
 - d. Clean Dome and “fix” shutter
2. Mower Repair
 - a. Tires – engine repair (valves)
3. Take down Maple at top of Hill – service offered in exchange for the “wood”

Director of Observations

1. Marty read through Steve Kainec's Monthly Sky Calendar.
2. Looking for volunteers for “Constellation of the Month”

Public Relations

Ian Cooper discussed:

1. Nassau Observatory - John Kohler, naturalist
 - a. Nassau scope mothballed so dome and building renovations can begin
 - b. Earth Day 23rd April – Frowning Meadows + binoculars and Solar Viewing
 - c. June 11th and 12 -- Chagrin Valley Arts – solar telescopes for art show
 - i. Will give us a wall for photo's and information
2. Astronomy Day – May 14th Natural History Museum – 10am to 4 pm

Old Business:

Richard's Property - we initiated inquiry, waiting for response

New Business:

1. Mercury Transit - May 9th. -- 7:12 am to 2:42 pm
 - a. Would like to have members at:
 - i. Indian Hill
 - ii. Observatory Park
 - b. With Mercury at 7.7 arc seconds, a telescope will be required (either Solar Filter or Projection)
2. OTAA – June 18th, 19th
 - a. Discussed charging for attendance
 - b. No consensus reached
 - c. Door prizes from Orion – need to send letter
3. Next Meeting is May 7th at Indian Hill, starting at 8 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Evenings Speaker - CVAS member Dr. George Trimble "Building an astrolabe - Part 2"