

# Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

## Meeting Minutes for July 7<sup>th</sup> 2018

### Indian Hill Observatory

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#### Call to order:

President Marty Mullet opened the meeting at 8:00 with 19 members, and 1 guest present.

#### Observations Director's Report:

Steve Kainec presented the Monthly Sky Calendar. It has been posted on the member forum, and the E-mail sent out.

#### Presentation:

George Trimble, lead us through the assembly and use of our own astrolabes.

#### Secretary's Report:

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

#### Treasurer's Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$3997.08
Marty Fund	\$5687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$625.00
Petty Cash	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,028.69</b>

Expenses for the month:

Electric bill	-\$70.95
Food for OTAA	-\$123.00
Annual P.O Box fee.	-96.00
Track phone	-20.00
Valley Art Center tent fee for Art by the Falls	-50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$ 359.95)</b>

### **New Business:**

- We are still in need of a new Editor. Any member interested in taking on this important role should touch base with Marty.
- Chris Stalder is organizing the lending library in the warm room of the main observatory. Please email him the title of any books you borrow for his inventory.  
[chris080270@yahoo.com](mailto:chris080270@yahoo.com)
- Direct link to the new Facebook group page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/412277979236798/> the page format is still under development. It is currently a public page with member only posting.

### **General Discussion:**

- New Facebook group is up to 10 members. Everyone who uses Facebook was encouraged to join and post. Only members can post, Moderators will approve all membership requests and posts.
- Continued research into using new spectroscopy equipment. Investigation into potential research projects involving the club and possible use of historic data from Nassau Station.
- Looked at some donated materials. Marty will have some star charts laminated for use on at Indian Hill, and the other materials will be added to the lending library.
- Jodi from Mahoning Valley is scheduled to present the second half of her presentation “How do we know” in November.
- Members are encouraged to participate in our monthly presentations.
- A call for images to be presented and discussed at the beginning of each meeting.
- Generally the third weekend of each month is CVAS night at Nassau Station.

### **Observatory Director’s Report:**

Sam Bennici, and a team of volunteers accomplished some maintenance tasks today at Indian Hill. The plan is to continue these work parties before each of the summer meetings. Please try to attend for at least one of them. The next opportunity will be August 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Events:**

- July 14th Backyard Astronomy Lake Metroparks, 9:00-10:30pm – Penitentiary Glen (Canceled weather)
- July 21st Star Party, 9:00pm Nassau Station, Observatory Park (Canceled weather)

- August 11<sup>th</sup> MVAS OTAA
- August 11<sup>th</sup> Super Star Party Lake Metroparks 8:00pm-midnight– Penitentiary Glen

**Next Monthly meeting:**

Will be held August 4<sup>th</sup> at Indian Hill starting at 8:00pm.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.**

The viewing was very good. A few members brought their telescopes, and all three observatories were in use until after midnight. Many objects and four planets were visible this evening.