

## Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

April 7, 2012 Meeting at Sunnybrook Preserve

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Russ Swaney

### Officers Reports:

**Secretary: Roseanne Radgowski** Minutes are available on the web site. Let me know if any corrections are needed.

### Treasurer: Ron Baker reported for Steve Fishman

The club has about \$10,000 in a demand account and about \$50,000 in property. Russ reported that the vote on the website regarding the investment proposal by Steve Fishman is at 16 against and 9 in favor. He will wait another month so that everyone can vote. Members can contact him if they need a log in ID.

### Observatory Directory

**Ken Fisher** reports that the 16 in is working, the control board has been repaired and the hand paddle slews in every direction. The grass at the hill is mowed and dry.

### Editor:

**Ron Baker** thanked everyone that contributed to the Spring issue of the Valley Skywatcher, in particular, Russ and Tom for the article on the Oberle telescope at Observatory Park, Aaron, Sam and David for photos submitted and Dan Rothstein for his Constellation Quiz. Ron again encouraged anyone who has had recent observations to send him a paragraph or a photograph to share.

### Director of Observations.

**Bob Modic** did not make the meeting. His monthly sky calendar can be found at <http://rjmastro.net/skycal.html> .

### Visitors:

Doug Wist a friend of Bernie Doherty who was presenting tonight.  
Chris Stalder - who joined CVAS this evening.

**Star Parties:** . April 20<sup>th</sup> at Observatory Park there will be a showing of the movie City Dark followed by a star party at 9:00, reservations are needed to attend the movie.

- April 27<sup>th</sup> Star Party at Riverside Cemetery from 9-11.
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Astronomy Day at the Natural History Museum 10-4.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Star Party at Girdled Rd, entrance off of Radcliff from 9-10:30
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Star Party Observatory Park 9-11.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Donor recognition star party at Observatory Park
- June 16<sup>th</sup> Observatory Park Grand Opening 7-12.
- The Boy Scouts are having a family campout Aug 17&18<sup>th</sup> and would like an astronomy presentation , they are expecting about 300 people.

**Old Business**

Discussion was continued about where to have our winter meetings, Steve Kainic suggested that instead of meeting on the first Saturday of the month we plan the meetings for nights closer to the new moon so that observing can be done after the meeting. Members offered comments pro and con about this idea. Information will be gathered about possible locations and discussed at our next meeting.

Dan Rothstein reports that Observatory Park has hired two Naturalists, Wayne Kriynovich and Chris Mentrek. Wayne is a retired lawyer and has been a volunteer at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Chris is a recent Case Western Reserve Graduate. It was suggested that we invite him to our next meeting.

**New Business:**

Jack Smith offered the opinion that CVAS does too much for the parks and that we should plan more activities for club members, he also suggested that the club obtain some solar telescopes and special glasses for observing the sun in anticipation of the transit of Venus in June.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 and was followed by a presentation by Bernie Doherty on the transit of Venus in 2004.