

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Aug 4, 2012 Meeting at Indian Hill

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 by President Russ Swaney

Russ thanked Steve Kainec for leading last months meeting.

Officers Reports:

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

Treasurer: Steve Fishman

Bank Balance	6919.42	Expenses	54.45	Phone bill
Marty Fund	2,637.00		33.73	Electric
Petty Cash	78.00		73.00	Supplies
Total	9634.42			

Observatory Directory:

Ken Fisher reports that there was some vandalism at the Hill and that it took awhile to clean up. A report was made to the police. The front of the shed was replaced and some trees were cut to open up the western horizon. Ken also mentioned that members need to be careful to turn everything off when they are done observing and make sure everything is closed up before they leave the hill.

There was some discussion about the type of building that would be best for the new 18 inch scope that was donated. Russ mentioned that the observatory at Camp Stigwandish had a building that rolled away from the base that might be ideal for this scope. He encouraged anyone who attends that star party to check it out.

Editor:

Ron Baker: Was not present, the most recent issue of the Skywatcher is available on the Web.

Director of Observations.

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

Upcoming Star Parties:

- August 11 Glow-a-Palooza Penitentiary Glen 8 – 11
- August 18th Boy Scout Camp Stigwandish Set up 8:30 Program 9 - 12
- August 24th Observatory Park Set up 8:30 Program 9 – 11
- August 31st Amish Star Party 9436 North Girdled Rd. near Middlefield Set up 7:30 Program 8-11

Russ mentioned that the Mars Lander will reach Mars and land this Monday at 1:30 AM Eastern time. Due to the difficulty of the landing it has been nicknamed 7 minutes of terror. NASA will be broadcasting the landing on their website. Russ also mentioned that Ron Baker will speak at our September meeting about Celestial Navigation and the use of a Sextant.

Old Business:

Steve Fishman mentioned that he had talked to Shirley recently about the land issue and our desire to build another observatory for our new 18 inch scope. She said that she has no objection but would like to talk to her kids first, also suggested we check with zoning. Larry offered to call Huntsburg zoning about this but does not expect a problem. Steve also mentioned that we still have CVAS hats and t-shirts for sale, see him if interested.

New Business:

Russ reminded members that it is time for nominations for next year's officers, please email him if you are interested.

The next meeting will be September 1st @ 7:30 at the Hill.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Submitted by Roseanne Radgowski