

## Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

June 2, 2012 Meeting at Indian Hill

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 by President Russ Swaney

24 members were in attendance.

### Officers Reports:

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

### Treasurer: Steve Fishman

Bank Balance	7,649.97	Expenses	54.47	Phone bill
Marty Fund	2,637.00		38.64	Electric
Petty Cash	52.00		77.00	P.O. Box
Total	10,338.			

### Observatory Directory

**Ken Fisher** reports that not much is going on at the hill, the flashing used to keep out the bees is working and he cleaned and painted the outhouse. Russ thanked him for his work.

### Editor:

**Ron Baker:** The summer issue of the Skywatcher will be out July 1<sup>st</sup>. Articles need to be submitted by mid June. Ron requests that those who view the transit of Venus write a short paragraph of their impressions and send it to him for the issue.

### Director of Observations.

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

### Visitors:

Wayne Kriynovich and Chris Mentrek. Of Geauga Park System, and Jason and his daughter Desiree

### Upcoming Star Parties:

- June 3 Transit of Venus at Observatory Park
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Donor recognition star party at Observatory Park
- June 16<sup>th</sup> Observatory Park Grand Opening 7-12.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Headlands State Park parking lot #14 9-11
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Girdled Rd south entrance 9:30 – 11:00
- August 11 Glow-a-Palooza Penitentiary Glen 8 - 11

### Old Business

Suggestions will be posted on the Web for possible meeting sites for our winter meetings. Ideas are welcome. Club members will be invited to comment on these options.

Larry presented a drawing of the current property and his suggestions for possible purchase in the future. He is recommending we obtain a right of first refusal for the additions to the property. He will post his diagram on the web for members to consider.

We will be hosting our annual OTAA picnic on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, Russ and Steve will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, paper plates etc. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Afterwards we will attend the Grand Opening of Observatory Park \* 7-8 PM Opening Ceremonies \* 8-10:30 PM Family Activities \* 9-10 p.m. Concert \* 10:30-Midnite Stargazing.

**New Business:**

Ian Cooper reported that a previous member Larry Lowell was donating his 18” JMI scope to the club as he was going into a nursing home. Ian has had the scope rechromed and shared a picture of it with the group. He mentioned that the scope is worth \$15,000 new. Discussion was started about the need for a building to house it. Club members expressed appreciation to both Larry and Ian for such a fine donation. Ian only requests that the outhouse be named after him he suggested “Cooper’s Crapper”.

The club has been asked to return and do a star party for an Amish group that we did a star party for last year, if agreed it will be August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 8: 35 and was followed by a presentation by Chuck Story on his recent trip to New Mexico where he and his wife observed the annular solar eclipse.