

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society
Meeting Minutes of March 1st. 2014
Geauga Parks District Sunnybrook Preserve

Call to Order

Vice President Marty Mullet opened the meeting at 7:31pm.

Secretary's Report

February Minutes posted to the Website – no additions or corrections

Treasurer's Report

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$5207.30
Marty Niemi Fund	\$4187.00
John Gorka Fund	\$100.00
North Observatory Fund	\$625.00
Petty Cash	17.00
Total:	\$10136.30

Extraordinary Income:

Chagrin Falls Jaycees	500.00
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Expenses for the month:

Phone	\$55.86
Electric	\$41.27

Director of Observations

Mike Hambrecht reporting:

- Distributed Monthly Sky Calendar
- 2014 Events / Star Parties (Check Calendar on Website for current details)
 - 3/29 Messier Marathon – Indian Hill
 - 4/12 Telescope Clinic/Workshop - Observatory Park
 - 4/18 Painesville Cemetery
 - 5/2 Lake Parks System Girdled Road
 - 6/29 CVAS OTAA Convention – Indian Hill
 - 7/19 Lake Parks System Erie Bluffs

Observatory Director

Marty Mullet cut a path through all the snow for foot traffic, but the drive is still limited to pulling off the road.

Vice President

No Report

Editor

No Report

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business**Star Party Donations:**

Ian Cooper reminded us that a long time source of funds was asking for a Donation from the group hosting Star Parties that CVAS participates in. It was agreed that we should certainly expect a Donation at events that charge admission or fee to attend.

Upgrades to Drive System on the 16" Stokes reflector

A proposal to replace the current motors and controller with systems from StellarCat and Argo Navis (details here). A vote passed to release monies from the "Marty Fund" for this project.

John Lowry Dobson

Roseanne referred to an article discussing the passing of John Dobson - the amateur astronomer best known for the Dobsonian telescope, a portable, low-cost Newtonian reflector telescope.

Observatory Park:**New Director**

Ian reported that a new Director has been hired, but further details were currently available

Marty adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm

Next meeting is April 5th. at Sunnybrook Preserve.