

**Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society
Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2014
Indian Hill Observatory**

Call to Order

President Gus Saikaly opened the meeting at 8:01 PM

Secretary's Report

May Minutes posted to the Website – no additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance -	\$5,093.33
Marty Fund -	\$4,187.00
John Gorka Fund -	\$100.00
N. Observatory Automation Fund	\$625.00
Petty Cash-	\$32.00

Total - \$10,037.33

Expenses

Phone/Internet	56.95
Electric	41.56

Editor

No Report

Observatory Director

Tractor Repair – replaced the Engine Head and Gasket. Probable cause is “mice nests” blocking flow of engine cooling air. Now encapsulating that area with Moth Balls and will check before each start-up

The North Observatory has finally “settled” after the heaving from this past winter. Drainage pipe was installed and brush clearing is underway in the hopes to prevent this from happening again next year.

The 12” Meade LX200 needs to be Polar Aligned

Director of Observations

Mike Hambrecht handed out Bob Modics report, noting the various upcoming star parties and events. For a complete list of events, check the calendar site at <http://www.rjm-astro.net/eventcal.html>

Vice-President

Marty Mullet explained that we are now waiting on response from the Cleveland Foundation for the \$13K in grant requests he submitted. feedback on their acceptance.

Observatory Park:

Ian announced that the TAG group for the restoration of the Nassau facility has started up again – next meeting is June 30th.
<http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/observatorypark.shtml>

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Gus reminded everyone of our OTAA convention on the 28th.
Details to follow

Visitors:

Mike Russell (who just moved back from Texas) is now a CVAS memberb.

Guest Speaker:

Aaron Watkins from Case Western Reserve – “Current Galaxy Formation” Evolution” - his presentation is available for download on the Members Page.

Gus adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Next meeting is July 5th at Indian Hill Observatory. Start time is 8 PM.