

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

May 2, 2015 Meeting was called to order at 8:00 by President Marty Mullet.

Officer Reports:

Secretary: April's minutes were approved and are available on the web site.

Treasurer: Steve Fishman

Bank Balance: 3,039.02

Expenses: 58.92 Phone bill

Marty Fund: 4,687.00

52.75 Electric

Gorka Fund: 600.00

North Observ. 625.00

Petty Cash: 51.00

\$204 to Marty for a \$140 for stump grinder rental

\$64 for plaques.

Total: 9,002.02

Observatory Director: Someone is needed to volunteer for this position.

Editor: Ron Baker was not present but the current edition of the Valley Skywatcher is available on the website.

Director of Observations: Steve Kainec has volunteered to take on this position. He reviewed the monthly sky calendar and led discussion on objects to observe this month.

Upcoming Star Parties: There will be a Star Party May 16th here at the Hill set up at 8:30.

May 30th we will be having a Star Party with the Lake Metorparks at Girdled Rd. Reservation at the south entrance on Radcliff Rd.

Nassau Report: Dan Rothstein reported that the committee to refurbish the Nassau telescope has met and is working to update building codes, they will be adding running water and flush toilets. Bid requests will be in the next few months. They also plan to add a two way driveway and bus parking, they expect a 2016 start on these improvements. They have also hired a professional scope renovator and expect to have the project done by 2017.

Constellation of the month: Tom reported on the constellation Scorpius. He mentioned that there are some globular clusters to look for such as M 4 and M 80 a very dense globular. He also mentioned that globular clusters are very old and can be anywhere in the sky whereas open clusters tend to concentrate near the galactic plane.

Old Business: Marty reminded everyone that he needs their door codes to so that they can have access to the observatory. He also mentioned that some of our property has been recovered from the recent break-in.

New Business: Marty asked if anyone would like to continue our sponsorship of the Clear Sky Clock in memory of John Gorka. A two year sponsorship is \$100.? Also the Dark Sky committee is in need of members, Larry Boros has agreed to head the committee.

Guests: We had 4 guests at the meeting. The next meeting will be June 6th at the Hill. Matt Dolloff from NASA will speak on planetary science with stratospheric balloons.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Roseanne Radgowski