

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for August 4th 2018

Indian Hill Observatory



Call to order:

President Marty Mullet opened the meeting at 8:00 with 17 members, and 6 guests from the Gilmour Academy Astronomy Club present.

Observations Director's Report:

Steve Kainec presented the Monthly Sky Calendar. It has been posted on the member forum, and the E-mail sent out.

Presentation:

Marty Mullet presented some astronomy basics, including terms and concepts.

Secretary's Report:

July minutes are posted to the website – no changes were suggested.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$3699.83
Marty Fund	\$5687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$625.00
Petty Cash	\$25.00
Total	\$10,636.83

Expenses for the month:

Electric bill	-\$76.38
To Russ for Gas, Wood, Wire, and bolts.	-\$147.45
To Marty for Mouse trap, Wasp spray, Broom.	-104.47
Total	(\$ 328.30)

Income for the month:

Donations from Devon Paullin in memory of his father and former CVAS member Earl.

Cash in the amount of \$100.00.

Two telescopes valued at \$800.00

New Business:

- The club received a donation of 2 Dobsonian Telescopes, both in need of new bases. Anyone willing and able to construct new bases should contact Marty.
- Marty is researching a group rate on mirror recoating. See him if you would like to participate. Larry has offered to assist with shipping.
- Officer nominations will be held at the October meeting.
- George polled members for interest in grinding mirrors.
- George polled members for a committee to consider relevant projects.

General Discussion:

- We are still in need of a new Editor. Any member interested in taking on this important role should touch base with Marty.
- Direct link to the new Facebook group page.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/412277979236798/> the page format is still under development. It is currently a public page with member only posting.
- Chris Stalder is organizing the lending library in the warm room of the main observatory. Please email him the title of any books you borrow for his inventory.
chris080270@yahoo.com
- Members are encouraged to participate in our monthly presentations.
- A call for images to be presented and discussed at the beginning of each meeting.
- Generally the third Saturday of each month is CVAS night at Nassau Station.
- Call for articles for the Valley Skywatcher.
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Observatory Director's Report:

Sam Bennici, and a team of volunteers accomplished some maintenance tasks today at Indian Hill. The plan for next month is to finish some big projects including some new fence posts, overhangs for the warm room doors, and to repair the shed floor. Sam will email a reminder. Please try to attend and help September 1st.

Events:

- August 11th MVAS OTAA
- August 11th Super Star Party Lake Metroparks 8:00pm-midnight– Penitentiary Glen
- August 17th Star Party at Nassau Station (Moved to Indian Hill due to equipment issues)
- August 25th Geauga Park Foundation Claridon Woodlands Park. 6-8
- October 5th Riverside Park Star Party setup at 7:30
- December 20th Museum of Natural History

Next Monthly meeting:

Will be held Sept 1st at Indian Hill starting at 7:30pm.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

The viewing was very good. A few members brought their telescopes, and all three observatories were in use until after midnight.