

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2014

Indian Hill Observatory

**Call to Order**

President Gus Saikaly opened the meeting at 8:04 PM

**Secretary's Report**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Steve Fishman reported the following:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Bank Balance           | \$5,096.07         |
| Marty Neimi Fund       | \$4,187.00         |
| John Gorka Fund        | \$ 100.00          |
| North Observatory Fund | \$ 625.00          |
| Petty Cash             | \$ 63.00           |
| <b>Total:</b>          | <b>\$10,035.07</b> |

Expenses for the Month:

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| Phone    | \$ 56.95 |
| Electric | \$ 41.79 |

**Editor.**

Ron Baker stated that the Spring issue of the Valley Skywatcher is on-line. He also thanked all the contributors and requested that members continue sending in articles and sketches on all subjects astronomical.

**Observatory Director.**

Ken spent the afternoon of the meeting spreading gravel around the recently installed drains. Tom P. is cutting brush to the north and east of the North Observatory to dry out the area. Marty will buy more gravel and sifted topsoil and may do an equipment rental to work the material. Expenses for all this work have not yet been submitted.

The North Observatory building has not yet settled. There was some discussion about funneling water away, possibly with a 12-inch trench. To be decided when the weather warms up and the building settles.

### **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 noted that he added more material to the grant requests. At this time, we're just waiting for feedback on their acceptance.

### **Observatory Park:**

Dan Rothstein reported no updates on Observatory Park.

### **Old Business:**

No old business.

### **New Business:**

Someone asked about speakers at the monthly meetings. For June, a Case grad student will talk about the evolution of galaxies. Mike will bring a projector.

Phil Sherman looked at some telescopes at Camp Stigwandish in Ashtabula County that need some attention. There's a 4 1/2" Tasco. Some 6 inch navy surplus scopes with no secondary mirror and the primaries may need recoating. There is also an 8 inch Celestron scope.

### **Visitors:**

Brian Miller from Lyndhurst. Mike Russell just moved back from Texas and is looking for an astronomy club.

Gus adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm.

Next meeting is June 7 at Indian Hill Observatory. Start time is 8 PM.