

**Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society
Meeting Minutes of October 4th, 2014
Indian Hill Observatory**

Call to Order

President Gus Saikaly opened the meeting at 7:034 PM

Vice-President

- Waiting on response to grant request from the Cleveland Foundation.
- NASA Plumbrook tour is back on.

Secretary's Report

September's Minutes posted to the Website – no additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$ 3,782.33
Marty Fund	\$ 4,187.00
John Gorka Fund	\$ 100.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$ 625.00
Petty Cash	\$ 95.00
Total	\$8,789.33

Expenses for the month

- \$ 57.49 phone bill.
- \$ 46.18 Electric
- \$475.00 Insurance.

Editor

The Fall 2014 Edition of The Valley Skywatcher is now on the Website.
Ron that we had submissions from members for this edition.

Observatory Director

Ken pointed out that we finished filling and leveling the North parking area (120 yards of fill), but to use caution, because the ground is still “soft” and a number of stumps need to be removed.

New Projects include:

- Installing the ServoCat Control System on the 16” - a major upgrade to the current (nonfunctioning) drive system’
- Plan and construct the deck for the 18” JMI Telescope

Director of Observations

- Monthly Sky Calendar distributed.
- November 7th Star Party at Riverside Cemetery
- Laurel School Star Party
Two Friday or Saturday session at Indian Hill planned for early November

New Business:

- Nomination of Officers for 2015
 - Membership was asked to submit names, or express their interest, for any position. The current Nomination list:
 - President:** Marty Mullet
 - Vice President:** none
 - Secretary:** Christina Gibbons
 - Treasurer:** Steve Fishman
 - Director of Observations (co-position):** Bob Modic, Mike Hambrech
 - Observatory Director:** none
 - Editor:** Ron Baker
 - Historian:** Dan Rothstein
- Astronomy Day – October 4th
We had our Table Top Display and Handouts at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Big thanks to Marty Mullet, Steve Fishman and Ian Cooper for representing us.

- Winter Meetings
Sunnybrook is not available in 2015 – Gus is exploring other options.
- Fee for Star Parties
 - If an Organization charges a “Fee” for attendance, we will require a donation
 - If an Organization does NOT charge, we will ASK for a donation.
- Donation from Aurora Astronomical Society

Dan detailed the two donations “options” that the Aurora group is offering us:

1. \$3000 cash
2. \$1000 cash and a 14” Celestron SCT on CGE Mount and Tripod.

The CVAS Officers recommended to the Membership that we accept the \$1000 cash and 14” Telescope – that will be permanently mounted in the North Observatory (replacing the 10” SN).

We will also give AAS members a one year membership in CVAS

The Membership agreed with this recommendation.

Gus adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Next meeting will be November 1st , tentatively, at Indian Hill Observatory. Check the website later in October for a conformation or alternate site.