

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for September 1st 2018

Indian Hill Observatory



Call to order:

President Marty Mullet opened the meeting at 7:30 with 20 members, and 4 guests.

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.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$3908.99
Marty Fund	\$5687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$625.00
Petty Cash	\$25.00
Total	\$10,845.99

Expenses for the month:

Electric bill	-\$71.79
Total	(\$ 71.79)

Income for the month:

\$200.00 Lake Metropark for Penitentiary Glen Star Party.

New Business:

- Discussion of expansion options of the Indian Hill property. This resulted in a motion to initiate, and fund the survey of the effected parcels. **The motion carried.**

- Discussion of how best to reorder the CVAS bumper stickers. A motion was raised and carried for Russ to investigate the costs of having the existing bumper sticker image placed on the more current magnetic format. **The motion carried.**
- Discussion on the date for the 2019 OTAA picnic. A motion was raised to hold the picnic June 29th. **The motion carried.**
- Officer nominations will be held at the October meeting.
- 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.
- George polled members for interest in grinding mirrors.
- George polled members for a committee to consider relevant projects.
- Steve informed the membership that the insurance bill was raised to \$536.00 and would be paid next month.

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.

Observatory Director's Report:

Sam Bennici, and a team of volunteers accomplished some maintenance tasks today at Indian Hill. Sam will email a reminder. Please try to attend and help October 6th.

Events:

- September 22nd North Chagrin Reservation (setup on the boardwalk) (Canceled Clouds)
- October 5th Riverside Park Star Party (Setup at 7:30) **(This is a Friday night event)**
- October 12th penitentiary glen (Friday Star Party)
- December 20th Museum of Natural History

Next Monthly meeting:

Will be held Oct. 6th at Indian Hill starting at 7:00pm.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Presentation:

George Trimble presented trigonometric functions using the astrolabe.

Post Meeting:

The viewing was moderate and diminishing. Some members brought their telescopes, and all three observatories were in use until about 10pm.