

February meeting minutes

President Marty Mullet called the meeting to order at 7:32 with 17 members and 1 guest present.

January minutes posted on the website.

Treasurers report:

Bank Balance	\$ 2,342.31
Marty Fund	\$ 5,687.00
John Gorka Fund	\$ 600.00
North Observatory Automation Fund	\$ 625.00
Petty Cash	\$ 26.00
Total	\$9,280.31

Expenses for the month

- \$ 60.72 phone bill.
- \$ 54.26 Electric

Observatory Director – Robb reported he will start on the dome cleaning as soon as the weather permits. Also, looking into electric baseboard heating for the warm room.

Dir. Of Observations – February Sky Calendar report from Steve was given.

Editor – Winter issue of *Valley Skywatcher* is out. Ron Baker commented on an article describing the ongoing research that he and Bruce Krobusek are doing on the increase and variability of the brightness of Neptune. Ron thanked all those who contributed articles and photographs. He will try to publish the next issue in April.

Dan gave an update on progress at Nassau Station.

Marty presented Lepus as Constellation of the Month.

Old Business

Star party at Lake Erie Bluffs was cancelled due to cloudy conditions. Astronomy night at Avon Lake on Feb. 12th.

We will try to hold a Messier Marathon on March 12th at Indian Hill if conditions permit.

New Business

Marty gave update on Richards' property and proposed usage.

Jack Smith commented on several outreach possibilities.

Meeting Adjourned.

CVAS member Dr. George Trimble gave an excellent presentation on building an astrolabe. He also displayed several samples of homemade astrolabes and dioptras.