

Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for October 2nd 2021



- Current Officers
 - Joe Masar – President
 - Ram Kiparski – Vice President
 - Steve Fishman – Treasurer
 - Russ Swaney – Assistant
 - Scott Kuntz – Secretary
 - Sam Bennici – Observatory Director
 - Gus Saikaly – Observations Director
 - Dan Rothstein – Historian
 - Chris Powell – Editor

Location: Indian Hill Observatory

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Joe Masar

21 members were present.

Presidents Opening Remarks:

- Make sure the dome door is locked after use.
- Close the shutter all the way. Jog the dome back and forth to align the contacts
- Hibernate the telescope mount.
- The 16 inch will lose power if the scope crosses the meridian (the limit switch is activated). You will need to reinitiate the startup procedure.

Secretary's Report:

- September's minutes were approved and posted to the CVAS website.

Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance	\$6,720.64	
Petty Cash	\$48.00	
Total	\$6,768.10	
Income for the Month	\$69.00	Dues
Expenses for the Month	\$104.57	Electric 55KWH actual

- A letter from the county was received confirming that the valuation of the land is being reduced by \$5000

- There are 29 active members.

Director of Observations Report:

- October Sky Calendar emailed to membership.
- Early morning in the east is Orion and Gemini.

Valley SkyWatcher Editor:

- Deadline for the December issue submissions is November 26.

Observatory Director's Report:

- Repairs to N. Observatory complete – first coat of paint is on
- Lower field was mowed
- Trees were cut, brush was removed. The pile will be burned next spring

Old Business:

- 18 inch NGC needs new focuser.
- Approved researching a “building” for the NGC
- Joe will bring the scope to a future meeting
- Joe is refurbishing electronics

New Business:

- A motion to cancel the account with the electric supplier was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- Members will need to supply their own source of power to operate the equipment in each observatory.
- Joe expressed particular concern that a reliable source of power is always available in the dome. The concern is that the shutter may be stuck in the open position from lack of power.
- It was proposed to form a committee to investigate and recommend a solution for reliable power. The committee members will be:
 - Gus Saikaly
 - Bob Beers
 - Brad Ellis
 - Ram Kiparski
 - Norman Beeke

- Joe and Russ will put LED red lights in the north observatory
- Nominations of Officers: Bob Beers has been nominated for observatory director. The position of assistant treasurer remains open. All other officers have elected to maintain their positions for another year.

Next Monthly meeting:

- November 6th at Observatory Park. Starts at 7:00 pm. – please confirm with the [website](#) CALENDAR prior to meeting

Calendar Events:

- **Backyard Astronomy October 8th** at Penitentiary Glen 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- **CVAS at Nassau Station - October 16th**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.