

# Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

## Meeting Minutes for May 1st. 2021

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- 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: CVAS Indian Hill

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Joe Masar

14 Members / 1 Guest Present

### Secretary's Report:

- April Minutes were posted to the CVAS website

### Treasurer's Report:

- Steve Fishman reported the following:

Bank Balance	\$ 8,042.16
Petty Cash	\$ 70.00
Total	\$ 8112.16

Income for the month:

\$ 304.83 Dues

\$ 100.00 Binoculars sold from inventory by Ian Cooper

Expenses for the month:

\$ 91.82 Electric 46 KhW Actual

\$ 70.00 paid to Colin Cooper for labor and gas

### Director of Observations Report:

- May Sky Calendar emailed to membership.
- Lyrids meteor shower this month.
- From now on Gus will send the monthly sky calendar to the secretary (Scott) who will distribute it using the most current membership list.

### Valley Skywatcher Editor:

- Chris thanked all the people who submitted articles and photos for the 2021 Winter Issue.
- Looking for new submissions by 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.
- Chris asked that material from the NASA website not be submitted to the Valley Skywatcher.
- When submitting material attributed to another source, please include the full name of the source.

### Observatory Director's Report:

- Work Session at Indian Hill.
  - Burned remaining brush pile.
  - Filled in the drive with the stone pile.
- This summer will focus on repairs to N. Observatory. Brought a brace and wood for repairing a bad panel supporting the door.
- Noted rot and warping on the main observatory.
- Waiting for contractor to drop 4 large trees leading up to the top of the hill.
- Ian Cooper's Brother (Colin) brought out his backhoe and installed a drainage pipe across the driveway. Leveled drive and opened up drainage ditch on the street.
- Sam and Joe will discuss ideas for installing and housing the new 18 inch. Ian has motors and wheels, but the original shed was accidentally destroyed.

### Old Business:

- Permanently house the 18" Newtonian at Indian Hill. Any members interested in forming a committee to study and suggest a plan, please contact Sam Bennici.

### New Business:

- A topic of discussion was ways of recording guests at CVAS events. Ideas that were mentioned included the use of QR codes on smart phones. Other idea were guest books and comment cards that would be provided at the events. Another suggestion was simply talking to people directly at the events and recording the feedback afterwards. Anyone with any suggestions should contact Joe Masar or any other board member.

- CVAS/OTAA picnic. The pavilion at Observatory Park has been reserved for July 17<sup>th</sup>. A Motion to move forward with planning for the CVAS /OTAA Picnic was approved by the membership. Joe Masar will get something together on planning. Other OTAA members will be notified.
- Main Observatory. A motion was approved by vote of the membership for repairs. \$600 was approved for a pre-hung 36" door, rough framing lumber, screws, 5 gallons of grey paint, and misc. painting supplies. Up to \$100 was approved for concrete screws, washers, and misc. (possibly spray foam insulation) to repair the warping T11 siding on the main observatory.
- North Observatory Repairs. A motion to spend \$100 for repairs to the North Observatory door was approved by the membership.
- Marty mentioned that our neighbor across the street will brush hog the field for the cost of the fuel. There are no further details at this time.

### Presentation:

- Review of Virtual Messier Marathon (3 nights, 6 Members, 44 objects).
- Russ showed a short video about the helicopter on Mars.
- We received a request from post Doc student, at University of Florida, to assist in Occultation Timing of 12.5 mag star by trans-Newtonian object (satellite of Haumea) on morning of April 16<sup>th</sup>. Russ showed a field of view through his scope and the equipment he used. Unfortunately, he could not get images of the occultation due to cloud cover but was able to show images before and after.

### Next Monthly meeting:

- June 5<sup>th</sup>. – 8:00 pm - Please check [website](#) CALENDAR for location prior to meeting

### Calendar Events:

- Our next Nassau Station night is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Weather call is usually made by 3:00pm. Members should check the website.
- CVAS/OTAA picnic July 17.
- Super Star Party August 7<sup>th</sup> at Penitentiary Glen 8:30 – 10:00 PM. This is scheduled on the same night as a meeting. Joe proposed to hold the meeting at Penitentiary Glen then go to the star party. This year's theme is "astronauts". CVAS is committed to providing a presentation. Marty would welcome assistance with the presentation.
- Backyard Astronomy August 14<sup>th</sup> at Penitentiary Glen 8:30 – 10:00 PM
- Backyard Astronomy October 8<sup>th</sup> at Penitentiary Glen 7:00 – 8:30 PM

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.**