

# Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

## Meeting Minutes for July 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

17 members were present.

### Secretary's Report:

- June minutes were approved and posted to the CVAS website.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Bank Balance \$ 6,815.32
- Petty Cash \$ 42.00
- Total \$ 6,857.32
- Income for the month
- \$141.61 Dues
- Expenses for the month
  - - \$95.41 Electric 42 KhW Actual
  - - \$1,000. Tree service
  - - \$73.00 1/2-year PO Box
- As discussed at the June 2021 meeting, we'll pay the PO box for 1/2 year and monitor what comes into the mailbox.
  - PO Box Monitor:
    - 6/19/2021 – Real Estate Bill (\$282.06 – half year)
    - 7/2/2021 – 1) Member Dues. 2) Letter from a Columbus company offering to purchase some of our land.
- There are 34 active members.

### **Director of Observations Report:**

- June Sky Calendar emailed to membership.
- Mercury will be more noticeable this month.
- An annular eclipse of the sun will be visible on June 10 at sunrise for 45 minutes.

### **Valley SkyWatcher Editor:**

- The spring issue was distributed. Chris thanked all the people who contributed.
- There was some discussion about including a sell/buy section. Chris felt that this could be problematic.
- Deadline for the summer issue submissions is August 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Observatory Director's Report:**

- The days work session resulted in:
  - Fallen tree being removed from North end of Parking Lot.
  - Brush cleared along edges of mowed areas and driveway.
- Plan 2 major (5 hours each) work session before late Fall
  - Replace T-111 on N. Observatory
  - Replace trim and improve weatherseal on North Observatory
  - Replace Main Observatory Door
  - Paint Main Observatory and N. Observatory.

### **Old Business:**

- Permanently housing the 18" Newtonian at Indian Hill.
  - "Roll Off" building (possibly prefab)
  - We need to pick a "location."

### **New Business:**

- Last months (June 19<sup>th</sup>.) "CVAS Night at Nassau Station" had 65 visitors (but we only had 3 CVAS Members present).
- Our neighbor across the street brush hogged the field for the cost of the fuel (has not submitted a cost yet). We will put "boundary" marker stakes out, Note that we do NOT own the pond.

### **Presentation:**

- There was no presentation this month.

## Next Monthly meeting:

- August 7<sup>th</sup>. 6:00 pm at Penitentiary Glen – please check the [website](#) CALENDAR prior to meeting

## Calendar Events:

- **July 17<sup>th</sup>. CVAS OTAA Picnic at Observatory Park**
  - Observatory Park Parks Cygnus Shelter
  - Starting at 5:30 pm
  - We eat at 6 pm.
  - Members are requested to bring:
    - A side dish or desert - ready to serve with serving utensils
    - Your favorite Beverage
    - CVAS will provide:
      - Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
      - Condiments
      - Plates, cups, utensils, and paper towels
      - Coolers, Ice and bottled water
  - There will be a “Chinese Auction” after dinner of various Astronomy items (we’ll try to get a list out before the event) – tickets are \$5 each / 5 for \$20.
  - If the skies are clear, we have a “CVAS Night at Nassau Station” scheduled.
- **July 18<sup>th</sup>. Boy Scouts Astronomy program** in Dorset Township, Ashtabula County from 9pm to 11pm. Will provide location ASAP.
- **Super Star Party August 7th at Penitentiary Glen** – 7 pm to 11 pm.
  - Joe asked for any volunteers to provide the CVAS presentation on Astronauts.
  - We need, at least, 5 members with Telescopes present.
  - Will hold Monthly Meeting at 6 pm before the event.
- **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 8:45 PM.**

**The skies cleared (unexpectedly), around 9:30 and 12 Members stayed to observe with the Telescopes in the North Observatory and Dome.**

**In addition, Chuck Story had his eVscope eQuinox Telescope setup for viewing.**