

# Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society

## Meeting Minutes for August 6th, 2022

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

Location: Indian Hill

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

22 members present

3 guests

### Secretary's Report:

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

### Historian:

- No report

### Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance	\$ 6,999.18
Petty Cash	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 7,019.18

Income for the month:

\$387.00 dues.

\$430.00 – OTAA raffle.

Expenses for the month:

\$96.37 Electric 34 kWh Actual

\$272.47 OTAA Picnic

Expenses for the past year. Below is July 2021-June 2022:

Fixed Expense total of these 4 items: \$2,185

Electricity \$1,225

Insurance \$589 Next payment due in October

PO Box \$181 Due December 2022. It went up from \$146 in 2021.

Internet \$190

Variable expenses. \$800 in the past year. Maintenance/Repairs to buildings, grounds, telescopes

PO Box Monitor:

7/31/2022. 1 Check for members' dues.

8/5/2022. Flyer from Richland Astronomy Club for Hidden Hollow convention.

Membership 33

### Director of Observations Report:

- Aug Sky Calendar emailed to membership.
- Saturn at Opposition August 14.
- Come C2017 K2 – fading fast, still in Ophiuchus

### Valley SkyWatcher Editor:

- Deadline for submissions is Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Next issue will be sent out the week of Sept 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Observatory Director's Report:

1. The ServoCat Motor controller, Power Supply and CGE mount in North Observatory sustained electrical damage (lightening strike?)
  - The ServoCat (Motor Controller for 16")
    - We should have the repaired board back early next week
    - Will need to be reprogrammed with correct gear ratio's / drive rates
    - \$450 (new price is \$1200)
  - Celestron CGE Mount in North Observatory

- The Power / Hand Controller board is shorted out
- Celestron does NOT have any replacements
- A “used” mount would be about \$2K
- Suggest we put one of the Mounts we already own on that pier

2. Replaced bent hinges on Main Observatory Rear Flaps

3. Replace Exhaust Gasket in Tractor

4. CVAS Member Erin Worley donated an 18” Obsession telescope, to be housed at Indian Hill.

### **Old Business:**

- None

### **New Business:**

- None

### **Next Monthly meeting:**

- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, 8:00 P.M. at Indian Hill

### **Calendar Events:**

- Super Star Party at Penitentiary Glen 13th 7:00 pm
- CVAS Nights at Nassau August 20th starting at 7:00 pm
- Star Party at Wicked Woods August 20
- OTAA Dates
- Mahoning Valley August 27
- Black River Sept 24
- CAA – no date published
- September 17. North Chagrin. Nature at night. They had to publish the event in their newsletter before we could commit volunteers to their event. Find out if anyone is available to assist and I will contact the naturalist that we will bring xx scopes to help.

### **Presentations/Discussions:**

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

After the Meeting adjourned, we had a number of guests from our neighbors on the East.