



## Willingboro Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2014

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**The meeting was called to order at 7:53 pm by President Drew Maser**

### **New guests**

Nancy (guest of Renee)

### **Attendance**

WAS Members: 12

Was Officers: 4

### **Introductions and astronomical events of interest update**

#### WAS business meetings and events

1. June 20<sup>th</sup>: WAS non-business meeting
2. July 4<sup>th</sup>: Meeting cancelled due to Independence Day holiday
3. July 18<sup>th</sup>: Formal business meeting (swap night)
4. July 19<sup>th</sup>: Club picnic at Camp Ockanickon, Medford, NJ

#### Star Party Dates

1. Black Forest Star Party is August 22 – 24

#### Showed: Tonight's sky for June movie to club members

## **Old Business**

#### WAS Public Star Watches (mark your calendars):

1. June 21<sup>st</sup> at Batsto Village
2. July 5<sup>th</sup> at Batsto Village
3. August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Batsto Village

## By Laws and Articles of Incorporation

By laws have not yet been approved by the IRS

## Budget

Treasurer's report: Income reported. New this month, received donations from two star parties and Amazon rebate from items purchased by members

## Picnic

- The WAS picnic Camp will be held Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at Ockanickon, Medford, New Jersey. Check the website for directions
- Club will supply hotdogs, hamburgers, rolls and condiments
- Members bring salads desserts etc.
- Picnic rain date: Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

July 18<sup>th</sup> will be the WAS sponsored swap meet

Janet K. plans to start a Newsletter

## **New Business**

Franklin Parker Preserve (FPP) proposal for new astronomy site

- Next step is to schedule a site visit (Bernie K, Jim F and Steve M)
- Discuss questions raised at WAS meetings with FPP
- Provide visit report and site plan at WAS formal meeting

Comic interlude

## **Observations and General Discussion**

1. Bernie K: tested a 10 inch long focal length scope by a moon observation of crater Gutenberg and watched Io transit Jupiter
2. Drew M: Showed a picture of the Ring Nebula (M57) taken with a Canon 6D camera and Stellarvue 102 telescope
3. Bernie K: Showed pictures and talked about rebuilding, by creating new mount and mirror, for a homemade 8 inch f5 Dob made from old scope (Orion Skyview). Also built 10 inch f7.5 Dob scope that collapses from a Coulter Odyssey 10 inch Dob. The Coulter cell mirror is one of the best Bernie has tested
4. Saturn: can you see the shadow of the rings? – currently directly behind the planet (just passed opposition)
5. Viewed Jerry's crescent moon over Philly skyline photo
6. Camelopardalid meteor report: 5 to 6 per hour

7. Joe S: showed picture of the Milky Way and a single Camelopardalid meteor at Belleplain
8. ISS: can see up to 5 passes in one night in June (near solstice)

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

*Submitted by Jim Foy, WAS Secretary.*