

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2016

14 people in attendance start 7:49

Here we are again in Virtua land , the picnic is tomorrow at camp O ,who will get in ? now at the meeting pretalk on how to get to camp O ,registration will be open till 4:30 . Bernie going satellite. view of the area. more conversation of going to camp O. roger new email address link to gmail address , on web page. Rogers medical issue is resolved . next Saturday is Batsto. question of low turn out , some of the problem has been weather. Joe not to mobile lately. Mars from Joe and Roger . from Gary an occultation coming. Bernie at controls of stellarum help from Joe and Gary. more grammar of the Moon and moons., proper use of terms. names of mars moons., and meaning. question of magnitude of mars moons, discussion of . onto difficulty of amateur discoveries in the modern world. followed by nebulous objects near Antares. some web view of jimmies images of rho oph. area. further web search thru Astro pics .com. Jim Mack sends Bernie K an image . back to mars on the screen . followed by discussion of observing Mars. from mostly Bernie and Joe , Ken having trouble seeing detail on Mars. banter on refractor and reflector for looking at planets., detail of this from Bernie and Joe. now Jim Mack image of Mars from winter star party. more from winter star party, optics profiles, for planets. mars viewing profile in different scopes. more on Kens difficulty of seeing detail on Mars., lots of discussion. also on observing in general. and use of big dobs if you have a tracking platform . back to ken ,Gary and collimation perhaps part of his problem .more collimation ,how to tell about collimation. Joe and letting mirror cool down ,use of a fan to help deal with heat in the tube. back to diffraction pattern page Bernie explains the views. back to big mirrors and difficulty of supporting them . adjourn by decay,9.42