

West Jersey Astronomical Society Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2016

14 people in attendance, start 7:58 pm

Here again at Virtua in Moorestown. Roger not coming tonight, due to hip replacement surgery. Bernie K in charge tonight, a lot of non-astro talk, mixed in with somewhat related-to-astro talk. Some discussion of Holiday Party, how many coming. Bernie making a list of those coming and who paid.

Bernie calls meeting to order. One new guy, seems more interested in public star party. Comments on Marcus and using his Questar. More talk of looking at the Ring Nebula and the difficulties of this with a small scope. More on the quirks of Marcus.

Time for the election ballot review. Bud out for secretary, so the slate is...

Roger Cowley for President

Jim Fusco for Vice President

Wade Evans for Treasurer

Bernie Kosher for Secretary

Before the members, a proposal for a \$20 gift to the volunteer lady who arranges the meeting room for us (okay'd). Now back to party planning, it will be Saturday December 10. Review of food commitments. Bernie has list on display. Further review of list who is coming. A lot more discussion of who is committed to come and do we have and want a slide presentation.

Now from Ken Webber, discussion of a moon reference book, and observing the moon. More discussion of other moon-observing aids, then a second book of moon images from Cambridge. Now to an Astromart review, but need to be member to view. Now it's image time, some from Jim Fusco then Joe's web page. From Jim, Uranus and a sun dog, then discussion of sun dog particulars. Next, Sirius and its "pup." Lots of discussion of the pup with historical reference and also Sirius' color.

Then, images of an insect on water and the distortion caused by surface tension. distortion of color by perception. Now to Joe's web page and the old crescent moon (very late in the monthly cycle) as observed from the old Pennsauken Mart site. Also, the Belt of Venus from the Mart. On to double stars and separation, true doubles and their motion, and the orbits of Sirius, Porrima and their companions. More discussion on types of double stars.

Adjourn 9:46 pm