

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2019

Location: Virtua Moorestown

Attendees: 15

Officers Present...

President: Steve Kutoroff

Vice President: Ray Pape

Secretary: Arnie Rosemoff

Treasurer: Wade Evans

Formal Meeting

Steve calls the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

He showed local events that are happening. NJAA is holding a Astro Flea Party on 9/21.

Bernie is putting together a paid public outreach series to earn money for our insurance.

Steve mentioned the Slooh telescopes for remote observation.

September 21 is our Member Star Watch at Atsion.

Roger gave a talk about the Blackburn-Dean pendulum and its use in describing lunar libration.

Dave showed a photo of the Ring Nebula (M57) that he took trying to find a distant dim galaxy but failed to find the nearby galaxy, IC 1296 (Lane's challenge).

The club had its first Member Star Watch at the new Barnegat Rd site on the night of August 29. Reviews were good.

Joe discussed comet C/2019 W2 (Africano) and showed a photo of it. Although somewhat dim visually, it's one of the brighter comets currently visible.

Joe showed his photos of the area around Barnard's Star. The labeled snapshots are much more detailed than those in a current online Sky & Telescope article about this object.

Wade showed some pictures taken at the Rancocas Nature Center Star Watch on August 30.

Jim F showed some of his photos, including a pair of vintage WW II British binoculars that he just purchased for restoration.

Steve adjourned meeting at 9:30.