

Alachua Astronomy Club Executive Board meeting, January 2, 2008
 Grill Masters Restaurant

- 1. TC Presence of a Quorum**
 - a. 6 Members present
- 2. BH Call to order**
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
- 3. Roll Call**
 - a. TC Board members present
 - i. Bill Helms (BH), David Liles (DL), Howard Cohen (HC), Larry Friedberg (LF), Pamela Mydock (PM), Bob O'Connell (BO'C)
 - b. TC Chair persons present
 - i. Charles Broward (CB), ALCOR, ATM; Michael Toomey (MT), Star Parties
 - c. TC Club members attending
 - i. Thomas Olmsted, Marian Cohen
- 4. BH for TC Reading and approval of the minutes of last meeting**
 - a. Corrections
 - i. There was general agreement that the attendance section should be limited to the following: Board members present; additional chairs present; and other members present
 - b. Acceptance
 - i. HC moved and LF seconded to approve the November and December minutes with those changes
 - ii. The motion passed on a voice vote
 - iii. The minutes were accepted
- 5. Officer, board and standing committee reports**
 - a. LF distributed the Treasurer's report

Income/Expense by Category

Category Description	12/1/2007- 12/31/2007	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Contributions	\$ 6.00	\$ 299.00
Interest Inc	\$ 4.31	\$ 57.39
Member Dues	\$ 204.00	\$ 1,297.00
Star Party Registration		\$ 16.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 214.31	\$ 1,669.39

EXPENSES

Bank Charge	\$ 34.11
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 325.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,401.34
First Light	\$ 696.70
Insurance	\$ 323.20
Licenses and Permits	\$ 71.25
P O Box Rental	\$ 56.00
Printing and Reproduction	\$ 80.00
Speaker's Dinner	\$ 15.17
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,002.77

OVERALL TOTAL **\$1,333.38**

Checking AC -- Dec 2007

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE				
11/30/2007				\$972.24
12/26/2007	DEP	S Checking Deposit	Member Dues Contributions	\$204.00 \$6.00
12/1/2007 -- 12/31/2007				\$210.00
BALANCE				
12/31/2007				\$1,182.24
TOTAL INFLOWS				\$210.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				\$0.00
NET TOTAL				\$210.00

Savings Report -- Dec 2007

Date	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE			\$5,071.47

11/30/2007

12/31/2007	Dividend	Interest Inc	\$4.31
12/1/2007 -- 12/31/2007			\$4.31

BALANCE
12/31/2007

\$5,075.78

TOTAL INFLOWS **\$4.31**

TOTAL
OUTFLOWS **\$0.00**

NET TOTAL **\$4.31**

- b. TC reported on the status of club Telescopes
 - i. SkyQuest XT-8 – Larry Friedberg (C)
 - 1. with MT for routine maintenance
 - ii. Museum telescope (6" equatorial Newtonian) – Don Loftus (C)
 - 1. with custodian
 - iii. Celestron C8 – Gary Cook (C)
 - 1. with custodian
 - iv. 4 ½" Reflector – Marianne Gamble (C)
 - 1. with custodian
 - v. 8" Parks Dobsonian – Don Loftus (C)
 - 1. with custodian
 - vi. RLT – Chuck Broward (C)
 - 1. with custodian
 - vii. PST – Scott McCartney
 - 1. with custodian
 - viii. Collimating Tools – Michael Toomey (C)
 - 1. with custodian
 - ix. Banner – Tandy Carter (C)
 - 1. with custodian
 - x. Apogee AP-6 CCD – David Liles (C)
 - 1. with custodian
- c. MT reported on Star Parties
 - i. The Villages Star Party scheduled for January 12, 2008 Rain/Cloud date February 9, 2008
 - ii. Friends of Paynes Prairie January 26, 2008
- d. SM reported on the speaker schedule
 - i. BH and HC to contact SM regarding updating the Speakers page
- e. BO'C reported on LOG activities
 - i. The next event is February 20, 2008 Lunar Eclipse outreach event at Santa Fe Community College
 - 1. BO'C is working with Dr Sally Hoffman
 - 2. More planning will occur at the ATM meeting January 15, 2008

6. Special committee reports

- a. PM reported on the plaque and murals at the Royal Park Stadium Theater
 - i. No Change
 - ii. OPEN

7. Special orders

- a. None

8. Old Business

- a. BH reported on posting club policies to the club website
 - i. Still in work
 - ii. No ECD
 - iii. OPEN
- b. LF reported on the club tax exempt status
 - i. OPEN
- c. BH reported on YMCA State Wide Pow-Wow outreach Program
 - i. BH to decline on behalf of AAC, but to refer YMCA to SFCC Planetarium Director
 - ii. CLOSED
- d. BO'C reported on the Lunar Eclipse Outreach Program
 - i. BO'C is continuing to coordinate with Dr. Hoffman SFCC
 - ii. Things are proceeding well toward the February 20, 2008 eclipse
 - iii. OPEN
- e. BO'C reported on the disposition of the NEFAS telescopes
 - i. BO'C delivered most of the telescopes to the Duval Elementary School
 - ii. BO'C will follow up with any telescopes the AAC has
 - iii. OPEN
- f. BH requested a discussion of the AAC dues structure
 - i. BH appointed a study group consisting of LF, TO, TC, and MT regarding revisions to the AAC dues structure starting 2009
 - ii. Report is due to the AAC Board meeting during the April meeting
 - iii. OPEN

9. General orders

- a. None

10. New Business

- a. BO'C reported on an outreach program for the Duval Elementary School
 - i. BO'C plans to have an outreach program with the Duval Elementary School
 - ii. BO'C will get details from the Duval Elementary Schools for the possibility of having an observing session for the students at Camp Crystal in Keystone Heights in late January
 - iii. OPEN
- b. HC requested a discussion of the AAC's roll in the 2009 International Year of Astronomy (IYA)
 - i. HC reported that the IAU has proclaimed 2009, which is the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first use of a telescope for astronomy, the International Year of Astronomy
 - ii. HC encouraged all members to explore <http://www.astronomy2009.org>

- iii. HC suggested involving UFAD, FLMNH, etc.
- iv. BH will open discussions with both organizations at a meeting scheduled for later in the week
- v. OPEN

11. Good of the Order

- a. BO'C suggested that the club use copies of FirstLight in addition to the club brochure when soliciting new members
 - i. BO'C suggested that copies of FirstLight can be handed to visitors at the general meetings with the brochure.
 - ii. BO'C volunteered to greet potential new members at general meetings with copies of FirstLight printed off the website

12. Announcements

- a. BH announced that the AAC is slated to participate on April 17, 2008 with the UFAD and FLMNH in Starry Night
 - i. The AAC will provide telescopes for viewing, but will be able to attend the special speaker's presentation
- b. HC announced that there will be a parking conflict the night of the January AAC general meeting due to a concert that same night
- c. HC announced that the City of Gainesville has approved funding to provide the aphelion and perihelion points of Comet 1P/Halley
 - i. The City of Gainesville plans a website and brochure
 - ii. The City of Gainesville would like AAC participation

13. BH Time and location of next meeting

- a. The next meeting will be at Grill Masters restaurant
- b. The next meeting will be at 6:30 PM on February 5, 2008

14. BH Adjournment

- a. BO'C moved and HC seconded to adjourn
- b. The motion passed on a voice vote
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Tandy W Carter Jr.
AAC Secretary