

Alachua Astronomy Club Executive Board meeting, April 1, 2008  
New Deal Restaurant

- 1. (TC) Presence of a Quorum**
  - a. 7 Members present
- 2. (BH) Call to order**
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM
- 3. Roll Call**
  - a. TC Board members present
    - i. Bill Helms (BH), David Liles (DL), Larry Friedberg (LF), Tandy Carter (TC), Howard Cohen (HC), Pamela Mydock (PM), Bob O'Connell (BO'C)
  - b. TC Chair persons present
    - i. Charles Broward (CB)
  - c. TC Club members attending
    - i. Marian Cohen (MC)
  - d. TC Board members and Chair persons departing early
    - i. LF, CB, PM
- 4. Reading and approval of the minutes of last meeting**
  - a. Corrections:
    - i. BH reported that the president can't make policy
  - b. Acceptance:
    - i. BO'C moved and PM seconded to accept the minutes as corrected
    - ii. The motion passed on a voice vote
    - iii. The minutes were accepted as corrected
- 5. Officer, board and standing committee reports**
  - a. LF distributed the Treasurer's report

Checking ACCT

BALANCE	
2/29/2008	\$850.67
BALANCE	
3/31/2008	\$1,258.67
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$408.00
TOTAL	
OUTFLOWS	\$0.00
NET TOTAL	\$408.00

Savings ACCT

BALANCE	
2/29/2008	\$5,082.11
BALANCE	
3/31/2008	\$5,084.27
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$2.16
TOTAL	
OUTFLOWS	\$0.00
NET TOTAL	\$2.16

- b. TC reported on the status of club Equipment
        - i. SkyQuest XT-8 – Larry Friedberg (C)

- 1. with Kami Monticello
    - ii. PST – Scott McCartney
      - 1. with Rich Russin
    - iii. Collimating Tools – Michael Toomey (C)
      - 1. with Tandy Carter
  - c. HC in lieu of MT reported on Star Parties
    - i. TC reported on the status of the star party at Hickory Ranch
    - ii. The AAC May star party will be May 3, 2008 at Randy Palmer's Moondance Hill as listed on the AAC star party web page
  - d. SM reported on the speaker schedule
    - i. BH reported that he approached TM to help SM with the speaker schedule
  - e. BO'C reported on LOG activities
    - i. BO'C reported that the LOG meeting for April was well attended
  - f. TC reported on Outreach activities
    - i. TC reported on the outreach event at Oak Hall Elementary School
    - ii. TC reported that there will be an Astronomical Event Debrief form for subsequent Astronomical Events.
- 6. Special committee reports**
  - a. PM reported that there was nothing new to report on the status of the plaque and murals at the Royal Park Stadium 16 Theater
  - b. LF reported that there was nothing new to report on AAC dues structure until the May board meeting
- 7. Special orders**
  - a. None
- 8. Old Business**
  - a. BH reported that there had been no progress in posting club policies to the club website
    - i. OPEN
  - b. LF reported on the club's tax exempt status
    - i. LF reported that the IRS had accepted the club's 501.c.3 registration and the accepted registration had been forwarded to the state of Florida as proof of tax exempt status
    - ii. OPEN
  - c. HC reported on the role of the AAC in the 2009 IYA
    - i. HC reported that there had been no progress
    - ii. OPEN
  - d. HC reported on the Gainesville Solar Walk
    - i. HC passed out artist conceptual drawings of the Comet Halley perihelion and aphelion markers
    - ii. HC reported that the budget for the Comet Halley markers was approximately \$10,000.00
    - iii. HC reported on the asteroid belt marker
    - iv. HC reported that there had not been a budget allocated for the asteroid marker
    - v. OPEN
  - e. BO'C reported on distributing copies of FirstLight at AAC general meetings

- i. BO'C reported that he had the pages on hand and would pass them out at the upcoming meetings as required
    - ii. OPEN
  - f. BH reported on advertising club meetings
    - i. BH reported that he would talk to SM and TM to ensure that appropriate announcements were forwarded to the appropriate entities in a timely manner
    - ii. OPEN
  - g. BH reported on Starry Night
    - i. BH reported that preparations were on pace
    - ii. BH reported that the date for Starry Night is April 17, 2008
    - iii. BH reported that the LOG was in charge of providing telescopes for the AAC participation
    - iv. There was a general discussion of signage for Starry Night and possibly subsequent events
    - v. There was a general discussion of targets for Starry Night
    - vi. OPEN
  - h. TC reported on changes to the structure of the minutes
    - i. TC reported that he sent out a copy of the minutes shell to the members of the board and Chair persons
    - ii. He reported that there was no response and therefore the board and chairs were satisfied with the current minutes
    - iii. TC reported that there was a suggestion that a condensed version of the minutes be published in the FirstLight because the complete minutes were published on the website.
      - 1. TC pointed out that the minutes were only published on the password protected portion of the board page and would have to be moved before a limited version of the minutes could be published in the FirstLight
    - iv. TC inquired about backups to the minutes
      - 1. HC reported that he has backup copies of all minutes in one form or another
    - v. CLOSED
  - i. HC reported on preparing a program on the AAC participation in the science of the occultation of Iota Cancri by 711 Xanthe
    - i. HC reported no progress
    - ii. Deferred
    - iii. OPEN

## **9. General orders**

- a. None

## **10. New Business**

- a. BO'C requested a discussion on starting a Solar Observers Group (SOG)
  - i. BO'C received permission to solicit a head for the SOG at the next general membership meeting
  - ii. OPEN
- b. BO'C requested a discussion of Membership cultivation

- i. BO'C reported that there were members that were interested in web casting the general meeting
    - ii. BO'C reported that there was a member that was interested in developing a glossary of lunar terminology with pronunciations
    - iii. There was a general discussion of the club purchasing an FM microphone system
    - iv. OPEN
  - c. HC requested a discussion of production and purchase of posters and related items for future star parties
    - i. There was a general discussion of items needed and the cost of different items
    - ii. There was a general discussion of how to post the posters
      - 1. PM suggested using posts in buckets of concrete
      - 2. TC pointed out that solution would be much too heavy
    - iii. OPEN
  - d. TC requested a discussion on modifications to the club's outreach webpage
    - i. TC passed out requested changes to the club's outreach webpage
    - ii. BH asked about payment for outreach activities
      - 1. TC informed the board that since the AAC is a nonprofit organization, the only payment that could be requested is travel expenses.
      - 2. TC informed the board that the AAC can only request a donation, but could not set an amount
    - iii. There was a general discussion about what expenses could be deducted
    - iv. CLOSED
  - e. HC requested a discussion on using bylines in the FirstLight

**11. Good of the Order**

- a. HC requested that the AAC thank the LOG for the excellent program it provided at the last ATM meeting

**12. Announcements**

- a. HC announced that the week of the AAC board meeting was National Dark Sky Week
  - i. There was a general discussion on lighting ordinances

**13. BH Time and location of next meeting**

- a. BH announced that the next board meeting will be on May 6, 2008 at 6:30 P M at Romano's Macaroni Grill

**14. BH Adjournment**

- a. TC moved and HC seconded to adjourn
- b. The motion passed on a voice vote
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P M

Respectfully submitted  
 Tandy W Carter Jr.  
 AAC Secretary

SkyQuest XT-8 – Larry Friedberg (C)

Museum telescope (6" equatorial Newtonian) – Don Loftus (C)

Celestron C8 – Gary Cook (C)

4 ½" Reflector – Marianne Gamble (C)

8" Parks Dobsonian – Don Loftus (C)

RLT – Chuck Broward (C)

PST – Scott McCartney (C)

Glatter Laser collimating Tools – Michael Toomey (C)

Apogee AP-6 – David Liles (C)

AAC banner – Tandy Carter (C)