

Alachua Astronomy Club Executive Board meeting, May 5, 2008
Romano's Macaroni Grill Restaurant

1. **(TC) Presence of a Quorum**
 - a. 7 Members present
 - b. Quorum is present
2. **(BH) Call to order**
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM
3. **Roll Call**
 - a. TC Board members present
 - i. Bill Helms (BH), David Liles (DL), Larry Friedberg (LF), Tandy Carter (TC), Pamela Mydock (PM), Bob O'Connell (BO'C), Howard Cohen (HC)
 - b. TC Chair persons present
 - i. Michael Toomey (MT), Chuck Broward (CB)
 - c. TC Club members attending
 - i. Marian Cohen (MC)
4. **Reading and approval of the minutes of last meeting**
 - a. Corrections:
 - b. Acceptance:
 - i. DL moved and BO'C seconded to accept the minutes
 - 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

CHECKING ACCT APRIL 2008

BALANCE	
3/31/2008	\$1,258.67
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$122.00
TOTAL	
OUTFLOWS	\$0.00
NET TOTAL	\$122.00
BALANCE	
4/30/2008	\$1,380.67

SAVINGS ACCT APRIL 2008

BALANCE	
3/31/2008	\$5,084.27
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$2.09
TOTAL	
OUTFLOWS	\$0.00
NET TOTAL	\$2.09
BALANCE	
4/30/2008	\$5,086.36

- i. LF queried how to handle new members with the departure of SM
 1. HC to email SM for instructions on updating the club roster

- ii. PM reported that she will keep the AAC advised on future activities
 - b. LF reported on AAC dues structure
 - i. LF passed out a report showing the AAC annual expenditures and number of full dues paying members
- 7. **Special orders**
 - a. None
- 8. **Old Business**
 - a. BH reported on posting policies to the AAC web page
 - i. BH reported no progress this month
 - ii. OPEN
 - b. HC reported on the role of the AAC in the 2009 IYA
 - i. HC reported there had been no progress
 - ii. HC requested to be relieved of responsibility
 - iii. BH reported that the AAC will be active in the IYA
 - iv. BO'C requested time at the general meeting to discuss the IYA and the need for a coordinator
 - v. TC moved to close the item
 - 1. there was no second
 - 2. the motion failed due to the lack of a second
 - vi. OPEN
 - c. LF reported on the status of the AAC tax exempt status
 - i. LF reported that there had been no progress
 - ii. OPEN
 - d. BO'C reported on distributing FirstLight at AAC general meetings
 - i. BO'C reported that he has AAC brochures and FirstLights to be distributed
 - ii. CLOSED
 - e. HC reported on the Gainesville Solar Walk
 - i. HC reported that he has been invited to be a member of the Art in Public Places Trust and declined
 - ii. HC reported that the comet markers will be voted on at the Gainesville City Council meeting May 12, 2008
 - iii. HC reported that if all goes well, the comet markers could be installed as early as fall 2008
 - iv. HC reported that the asteroid maker was problematic due to lack of funds
 - v. HC reported that the City of Gainesville wants to erect a plaque at the Pluto marker
 - 1. HC read the statement that is to be placed on the plaque
 - 2. BH suggested that the AAC should stay out of the Pluto Controversy
 - vi. HC reported that the GRU will be building a new facility and he suggested a large sundial as a piece of art at the main entrance
 - vii. OPEN
 - f. BH reported on advertising club meetings
 - i. BH reported that TM did an adequate job of advertising the previous meeting

- ii. BH reported that he will ensure that TM will advertise the meetings as appropriate
 - iii. BH suggested the advertising be monitored
 - iv. OPEN
- g. BH reported on Starry Night at the FLMNH
 - i. BH reported that there were 551 attendees
 - ii. BH reported he received comments from many club members
 - iii. BH reported that the recommendations meeting with the FLMNH has not yet occurred
 - iv. BH reported that because of various rules at the FLMNH refreshments could not be served
 - v. BH reported that UF student government may not sponsor future Starry Night programs
 - vi. BH reported that the FLMNH was interested in sponsoring future Starry Night programs
 - vii. CLOSED
- h. BH reported on Astronomy Day at SFCC Kika Silva Pla Planetarium
 - i. BH reported that the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium invited the AAC to bring two PSTs for Astronomy Day
 - 1. Due to the shortness of the notice, the AAC declined the invitation officially.
 - 2. BH will support the request personally
 - ii. BH reported that the policy of SFCC was that there could be no direct observation of the sun
 - 1. BH reported that the policy had been forwarded to SFCC risk management
 - 2. BH reported that a member of the SFCC faculty felt blind sided because he did not support the ban
 - iii. OPEN
- i. HC requested to be relieved of the responsibility for reporting to the general membership on the AAC participation in the Iota Cancri occultation
 - i. CLOSED
- j. BO'C reported on the SOG
 - i. BO'C requested to pass out an article he submitted to FirstLight on solar astronomy
 - ii. BO'C requested to seek a person to head the SOG at the general membership meeting
 - iii. OPEN
- k. BO'C reported on membership cultivation
 - i. LF volunteered to print the article for BO'C
 - ii. OPEN
- l. HC reported on purchasing and production of posters for AAC events
 - i. BH reported that the FLMNH is willing to produce posters for the AAC for use in conjunction with Starry Night
 - ii. DL moved to take advantage of having the FLMNH printing the posters and to come up with a way to display the posters later

- 1. PM seconded the motion
 - iii. There was a general discussion of what was needed to display the posters
 - iv. MC voiced concerns about displaying the posters properly
 - v. The motion passed on a voice vote of 6 – 0
 - vi. OPEN
- 9. General orders
 - a. NONE
- 10. New Business
 - a. TC reported on outreach
 - i. TC distributed the proposed AAC Astronomical Event Review Form
 - ii. There ensued a general discussion on modifications to the form
 - iii. CLOSED
 - b. TC reported on the NASA Night Skies Network
 - i. TC distributed the FAQ page and the Club application page
 - ii. TC recommended the AAC join
 - iii. BH requested TC to forward the URL to the board members and chair persons
 - iv. BH requested TC, BO’C, MT, and CB to return with a firm recommendation for the next board meeting
 - v. HC pointed out there is a deadline for applications for this session
 - vi. OPEN
 - c. HC reported that the AAC had not printed any brochures for 2008
 - i. BO’C suggested that the brochure be reworked to bring it up to date
 - ii. BH requested HC to update the information on the brochure
 - iii. BH requested LF to print 100 brochures
 - iv. BH requested the board members to fold the brochures
 - v. BH requested BO’C to work with TM on updating the brochure
 - vi. HC pointed out that room has to be made for the state required statement
 - vii. OPEN
 - d. CB reported on the plaque for SM
 - i. CB reported that the plaque for SM would not be ready until May 8, 2008
 - ii. OPEN
- 11. Good of the Order
 - a. HC complained that the board email is getting excessive
 - i. CLOSED
 - b. BO’C reported that numerous astronomy related VHS video tapes have been offered to the AAC
 - i. BO’C will bring the tapes and allow the club members to chose which tapes they want
 - ii. CLOSED
 - c. HC commented that because of the extensive turn over of officers there needed to be an Ad Hoc nominating committee named
 - i. BH reported that he will announce the members of the nominating committee
 - ii. OPEN
- 12. Announcements

- a. NONE
- 13. BH Time and location of next meeting**
 - a. Romano's Macaroni Grill 6:30 PM June 3, 2008
- 14. BH Adjournment**
 - a. TC moved and DL seconded to adjourn
 - b. The motion passed on a voice vote
 - c. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM

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)