

Alachua Astronomy Club Executive Board meeting, March 2, 2010
United Church of Gainesville

1. (RR) **Presence of a Quorum** – Yes, four *Officers* and/or *Board* members, minimum required. We had five in attendance.
2. (RR) **Call to order** – 7:03 pm
3. **Roll Call**
 - a. (BL) Board members present
Rich Russin (RR), Bob Lightner (BL), Larry Friedberg (LF), Pamela Mydock (PM), Dr. Howard Eskildsen (HE)
 - b. (BL) Chair persons present
 - i. Charles Broward (CB), Tandy Carter (TC), Tim Malles (TM), Bob O’Connell (BO’C), Ivo Rabell (IR), Sandon Flowers (SF)
 - c. (BL) Club members attending
 - i. Dr. Howard Cohen (HC), Bill Helms (BH)
4. **Reading and approval of the minutes of last meeting**
 - a. Corrections: NONE
 - b. Acceptance: YES
5. **President’s Report**
 - a. **New Appointment** – BH Appointed as AAC “Sky Mentor”
 - b. **General Meeting-** RR may be late for the start of this next general meeting, BL will back up and fill-in as needed.
 - c. **A/V Equipment for Meeting** – Mike Toomey has donated a set of 5-inch speakers, no club purchase of a laptop, presenters to supply their own with club members as back-ups.
 - d. **Newberry Sports Complex** – Voted to accept offer, form a committee within two weeks to write a “Memo of Understanding” between the AAC and NSC.
 - e. **Inter-meeting operations of the Board** – skipped, first item on next Board Meeting agenda.
6. **Officer, board and standing committee reports**
 - a. LF distributed the Treasurer’s report -- Accepted. We are down by ten members from this time last year, but it is still early in the year. We have 64 members. 32 people have yet to renew from last year’s membership. LF will not be at the next meeting so someone will need to collect any dues made on that date. Assigned to RR
 - b. RR report on the status of club equipment – future listings to be placed on the AAC Web page, no longer to be included in the agenda or minutes unless necessary.
 - i. SkyQuest XT-8 – Marianne Gamble (C)
 1. with custodian
 - ii. Museum telescope (6” equatorial Newtonian) – Don Loftus (C)
 1. with custodian
 - iii. Celestron C8 – Gary Cook (C)
 1. with David Liles
 - iv. 4 ½” Reflector – Marianne Gamble (C)
 1. with Rich Russin

- v. 8" Parks Dobsonian – Don Loftus (C)
 - 1. with Chuck Broward
- vi. RLT – Bob O’Connell (C)
 - 1. in warehouse
- vii. Collimating Tools – Chuck Broward(C)
 - 1. with Rich Russin
- viii. PST – Tim Malles (C)
 - 1. with custodian
- ix. Banner – Tandy Carter (C)
 - 1. with custodian
- c. TC report on Outreach / School Liaison activities

The Villages event was a huge success with 200 people in attendance and eight telescopes. Donation to the AAC from the Villages is expected to be received by the club. **Town of Tioga Art Fair** went well with 3,000 people. TM set up a telescope on Friday and again on Sunday.

Upcoming outreach events have been sent via e-mail with a correction for the November 12th **Starry Night** museum date. **RR, BL, and Andy Howell were judges for the Alachua Regional Science Fair.** May 7th **Celestial Celebration at the Phillips Center**, is right around the corner. HC mentioned **Moonlight Walk at Kanapaha** event is also approaching.

- d. SF report on Star Parties

March 13th Dudley Farms Star Party roasted hot dogs will be provided and other future star parties are listed on the AAC Web site.
- e. TM report on the program schedule

Six months of programs are set and a NASA speaker to be added by BH for the Fall.
- f. BO’C report on LOG / SOG activities

Demo of the Trifold display. ATM and other displays will be shown at general meetings for new people. Discussed four LOGS and “LOG Lights” see Web for further details.
- g. HC report on web site

HC reported that many dead links have been corrected. SF has updated the LOG listings.
- h. HC report on FirstLight for Jackie Owens

JO was given a lot of input for the current issue, so much so that she had to delay some of the items to next issue.
- i. CB report on ATM activities

Everything is going well and the next few ATMs are going to be really exciting and the Brownies will be great. The club’s C8 needs a replacement tripod. The case has been replaced. BH mentioned that the club actually owns a second C8. A rich benefactor donated it, but it also needs a new case and a tripod. HC mentioned that he had received an offer via e-mail from the Villages regarding the possible donation of a Russian-made 6-inch Newtonian reflector which needs a LOT of work. But we will receive it and the accessories and inspect them.

- j. CB report on ALCOR activities
Maintenance stuff has been accomplished with the Astronomical League, but they move at a snail's pace.
- 7. **Special committee reports** -- NONE
- 8. **Special orders** -- NONE
- 9. **Old Business** – BH mentioned that there was a tin of planet models in the library that should be disposed of. They are not to scale and have never been used. It was agreed that he dispose of them.
- 10. **General orders** -- NONE
- 11. **New Business** – RR mentioned that we need to develop an agreement on donations. This would explain to the donor what could happen to a donation received from the club; placed in inventory, disposed of, sold to someone, raffled off, made into an art exhibit, etc. The ATM group would be the best group to make that decision. HE volunteered to bring it up to the AAC.
- 12. **Good of the Order** -- NONE
- 13. **Announcements** -- NONE
- 14. **RR Time and location of next meeting** – 7 pm May 4, 2010 United Church of Gainesville
- 15. **RR Adjournment** -- at 8:59 pm

Respectfully submitted
Bob Lightner
AAC Secretary