

**KVAS Meeting Minutes – 1/17/14**  
**Ryan's Restaurant, Charleston WV**  
**Minutes Taken by John Willson, Secretary**

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Our January meeting included our Annual Dinner, held at Ryan's. Dinner was at 6:30 pm, followed by our January meeting. The KVAS meeting was followed by a brief Board meeting. The Board minutes are recorded separately.

Bob Frostick called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

**2013 Highlights – Bob Frostick**

Bob started by recapping some of the highlights of 2013.

- We installed a new Astro-Physics mount for the 16-inch reflector at Breezy Point Observatory, thanks to a lot of great hard work by Ed Connors, Rodney Waugh, and Chuck Spann.
- Thanks to Robert Dean for his leadership as Observatory Director. The Observatory is in good shape due to his work.
- Robert, Rodney, and Clarence Bowman will be coming off the Board – thanks for their service in this important role.
- It looks like we will be moving our monthly meetings to West Virginia State University in the next couple of months – thanks to the work and coordination of Bob.
- Chuck has become engaged!! We are all extremely happy for him.

**Scope Update – Rodney Waugh**

Rodney gave a brief update on the Breezy Point telescope. It continues to perform well, but has a few "tune-ups" needed.

- Once the scope is in "park", don't touch any other buttons. Ed is planning to fix it.
- Continue to be careful when the scope is pointing straight up – the bottom will contact the floor – be sure to stop the scope's motion early to allow for overshoot. Plans are in the works to fix this as well.

**Update on Yuri's Night – Scott Blake**

Scott gave an update on his work to coordinate a "Yuri's Night" event. He has been working with the Clay Center and the Library to plan an event, which will start at 6:00 pm on April 12 at Breezy Point. The Cross Lanes library will host activities for the children.

The Clay Center preferred to delay their involvement to 2015. Scott is continuing to plan for that event. Below are some ideas he is pursuing –

- Inviting the “Teacher in Space” candidate from West Virginia.
- Inviting an astronaut. Scott will ask the Airport if they would sponsor air fare.
- Partnering with NASA in Fairmont.

Scott will check with Camp Virgil Tate to make sure there is no conflict with the April 12 date for this year’s event.

During the discussion around Clay Center involvement, Chuck mentioned that he is planning to offer setting up a meteorite display at the Clay Center, from his meteorite collection.

### **Election of 2014 Officers and Board Members – Bob Frostick**

Bob led the election process for 2014 Officers and Board Members.

Results were as follows –

President – Bob Frostick was nominated, seconded, and elected to be President. Bob encouraged everyone to be involved in making presentations at monthly meetings.

Vice President – Scott Blake was nominated, seconded, and elected to be Vice-President.

Secretary – John Willson was nominated, seconded, and elected to be Secretary.

Treasurer -- Rodney Waugh was nominated, and said he would decline if Danny Blair accepted. Danny was nominated, seconded, and elected to be Treasurer.

Chuck Spann was named as Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee.

### Board of Directors Elections –

Robert Dean, Rodney Waugh, and Clarence Bowman are scheduled to come off the Board. Current members are Danny Blair, Scott Blake, Bob Frostick, Dan Pleska, Michael Riggs, and John Willson.

Rodney Waugh, Carol Hilleary, and Ed Connors were nominated and elected to the Board to fill the open slots.

### **February Meeting – Bob Frostick**

Bob mentioned that the February meeting is likely to be at West Virginia State. Stay tuned – Bob will confirm before the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by John Willson, Secretary.

**Attendance –**

John Willson  
Carol Hilleary  
Dan Pleska  
Bonnie Dean  
Judy Waugh  
Sandy Blair  
Debbie Frostick  
Ed Connors  
Debbie Null

Janet Willson  
Herbert Hilleary  
Robert Dean  
Rodney Waugh  
Danny Blair  
Bob Frostick  
Chuck Spann  
Scott Blake  
Michael Riggs