

KVAS Meeting Minutes – 1/18/13
Ryan's Restaurant – Charleston, WV
Minutes Taken by John Willson, Secretary

The Club held its Annual Dinner, followed by a short meeting with election of officers for 2013.

Dinner began around 7:00 pm, and Bob called the meeting portion to order at 7:45 pm.

Summary and Thanks for a Great 2012 – Bob Frostick

Bob reviewed some of the activities we had in 2012, and thanked members for their support and contribution to the Club.

He then reviewed the financial picture, stating that we made about \$2100 at Blackwater Falls, spent \$1944 on the telescope, so we added about \$200 to our treasury in 2012. We have approximately \$12000 in our treasury.

Upgrades to the Telescope – Ed Connors

Ed reviewed the work he has done on Chuck's telescope that has been loaned to the Club, and showed pictures of the scope with its new tube and rotating rings. We appreciate Ed's great work to make this scope much more usable.

Ed also shared an article from Sky and Telescope magazine that highlighted the new mount that we are considering.

Status of the Grant Proposal – Chuck Spann

Chuck recently attended a mandatory seminar to prepare for writing the grant proposal. The proposal is to be framed around the "Seven Measures of Community Wealth", and he feels we will be able to propose a very viable grant request. There were many people attending the seminar (estimated at 100 – 120), so we may have some competition. Chuck has a lot of information he will need help from Club members to pull together – he will request individuals to help as required.

We plan to request \$9000, or about 75% of the total cost of the mount. The grant proposal is due 2/1/13. We should know the outcome in 1 – 3 months.

Blackwater Falls – Mountain Institute Event – Chuck Spann

Blackwater Falls will be hosting a 2-day Mountain Institute event in June – they would like to include an astronomy focus as part of their event. Blackwater would provide lodging and meals for leaders. Chuck will send an E Mail to the membership to solicit interest in supporting or leading this event.

Star Parties – Bob Frostick

The Boy Scouts had requested a Star Party for the end of February, but were late in confirming, so we may not be able to support their request.

We are planning a Star Party in March to view the comet – will pick a time and date as we get closer.

New Director Named for Camp Virgil Tate – Bob Frostick

Bob shared that the new director of Camp Virgil Tate is Justin Lynch.

Members Encouraged to Join Google Groups – Bob Frostick

Members are encouraged to join our KVAS group on Google Groups, as it is one of the primary means of communication among members.

Election of 2013 Officers and Board Members – Bob Frostick

The meeting then moved to election of officers and Board Members for 2013

Three Board members terms are expiring – Bob Frostick, Carol Hilleary, and Chuck Spann. Mike Riggs has expressed interest to be elected to the Board.

Nominations and elections took place for each officer position, then open Board positions were filled.

President – Bob Frostick was nominated for another term. There were no other nominations. Bob's nomination was seconded, and he was elected President.

Vice President – Chuck Spann, our 2012 Vice President requested to not be considered for re-election. Rodney Waugh was nominated. There were no other nominations. Rodney's nomination was seconded, and he was elected Vice President.

Secretary – John Willson was nominated for another term. There were no other nominations. John’s nomination was seconded and he was elected Secretary.

Treasurer – Danny Blair was nominated for another term. There were no other nominations. Danny’s nomination was seconded and he was elected Treasurer.

Board Member Elections –

Since Bob was re-elected President, he will be going back on the Board. That left 2 open positions. Mike Riggs and Scott Blake were nominated, their nominations were seconded, and both were elected as Board Members for 2013.

Next Meeting

Our February meeting will be held at the Hansford Center in St. Albans on 2/15/13. Clarence Bowman volunteered to bring refreshments. We need a volunteer to lead the program. Bob will prepare a presentation on comets that we can use if there are no other volunteers.

All members are encouraged to volunteer to bring refreshments and / or lead a program in future meetings. Everyone’s help is needed.

As a reminder, the St Albans / Nitro bridge is out for repairs, so plan your route accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by John Willson, Secretary.

Attendance List

Carol Hilleary
Sam Willson
Michael Riggs
Ed Connors
Rodney Waugh
Patircia Shaffer
Dan Pleska
Roger Chapman
Brent Ogle
Judy Waugh

John Willson
Janet Willson
Scott Blake
Debbie Null
Chuck Spann
Clarence Bowman
Linda Bowman
Bonnie Dean
Robert Dean
Sandy Blair
Danny Blair
Debbie Frostick
Bob Frostick