Mathis Hall April 17,2009

Attendance:

Rick Archer, Paul Daniell, Robert Dean Sr., Bonnie Dean, Andrew Dickens, Bob Frostick, Carol Hillary, Charlee Lerch, James Lowman, Brenton Ogle, Dan Pleska, Cat Pleska, Chuck Spann, Patricia Shaffer, Marvin Taylor, Noah Taylor, Janet Willson, John Willson, Sam Willson

Janet Willson called the meeting to order:

Tells everyone hello.

Starquest is starting in June. Volunteers are needed for the hospitality booth

Bob presented the treasurers report.

Chuck tells of meeting with CAAC Saturday at Flatwoods, he discussed the arrangements with CAAC during Starquest

Blackwater Falls: Pat Hissom passed away, she was a driving force with astronomy weekend

Chuck says he'd like to something in her memory

The weekend will be starting Thursday and ending Sunday. There will be two days of speakers and workshops, we need to send letters for doorprizes. Patricia has the letter typed.

Pat Hisom was agreeing to the park donating a two room cabin as a door prize.

Prize suggestions are:

-Mini computer, binoculars

-Chuck ordered a photo of the "Mountains of Creation" to be framed and raffled (\$5 ticket), he wants Ed to frame it and pay for the expense. The print had been produced by using a printing process called z-clay.

Members discuss: do we want one large prize or two medium prizes

Chuck proposed Image stabilized binoculars, Paul will be bring us more info Bob will bring more info on the GPS's available

Chuck will bring us more information on the mini computers

Janet: Astronomy day is next Saturday at Breezy Point. Starts when it gets dark.

May 2 alternate day

This is the year of Astronomy

Starquest each person that registers gets a Galeio telescope kit included in \$85 fee

Brent

Talks about what's going on in the sky today:

Space debris-window of space walk

James Webb telescope going up

- -this is planet month-Mercury 1st and 2nd May
- -Saturn-Southwest High below Leo May 2nd & 3rd
- -Mars and Venus May 2dh under moon before dawn
- -Sombrero galaxy
- -Corvus two colliding Galaxies with large tails

Paul Daniel gives his presentation on Nebulae explained:

Some nebulae are believed to be the remains of dead or dying stars, or regions of new star formations

Paul concludes his presentation

Janet thanks everyone ...

Janet adjourns the meeting. The next meeting will be May 15,2009 at Mathis Hall.

Submitted by Patricia Shaffer

May 14,2009