

Meeting Minutes 4-22-19

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM, 9 in attendance.

Etc.

Last month's online meeting minutes were approved.

The Hernando Level 1 volunteer program form can be filled out online at
<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/Mjc3OmVuLVVT>.

Introduced our newest guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harvey who spotted the sign at the entrance to our community and thought it would be interesting. They are both beginners and have binoculars. They do not have a computer or smart phone so – in their own words – their home is very quiet. Their phone is 352-597-8685 if you wish to ring them up and have a chat.

Old Business

Dave and Phil got together earlier this month and updated the Club by-laws. A brief discussion of how disbursements should be formally approved. It was decided that signatures on the submitted receipt would suffice to keep down the paperwork. The new bylaws will be uploaded to the Facebook group site in a few days and printed copies brought to the next meeting.

The missing tripod adapter came in for the donated club tripod. Dave submitted the reimbursement expense to John, the Treasurer.

The lecture on the moon for the Fox Chapel Middle School outreach program was well received. Some of the students asked questions far beyond what one may expect middle-school students to be curious. The stargazing, however, was a wash. Clouds rolled in just as the students emerged from the lecture and Bobbi only had M42 in her scope for a few moments. All other scopes were essentially clouded out.

Speaking of completely clouded out, so was the West Side Elementary outreach program.

Sidewalk astronomy connections still in progress. Calls not being returned by those managing the events and facilities.

New Business

We are working on a website in addition to the Facebook group. The site is presently in beta form since some of the pages have difficulties being viewed by the beta testers. If interested, you can see this site at <http://nca-a.weebly.com>

Over the summer Dave will meet with the Fox Chapel Middle School folks to discuss an outreach program in the fall.

A brief discussion of alternative meeting places ensued. One suggestion is Fox Chapel Middle School and another is the Pasco-Hernando State College on Ponce de Leon Blvd. north of Brooksville.

May 27 is our last club meeting of this spring. We will not meet during the summer months. Our first fall meeting will be on September 23.

A demonstration of the "Moon Atlas 3-D" was given [see www.orioin.com].

Dave made a fantastic presentation on the binocular-viewable objects around Orion. Some are quite faint; they are better viewed through a medium-to-large telescope. This will be a regular part of the meeting as per suggestions from club members.

Our next stargazing is at the Sparacia Winery on April 24, weather permitting.

Our next club stargazing at our Brookridge viewing site is on April 26, however the forecast calls for rain.

Adjourned at 8:45PM.

Upcoming Events

You are invited to attend the following upcoming Club events. See the EVENTS tab on our Facebook page for this and other events in the area.

Date	Time	Event
May 20	7:00	Monthly indoor Club meeting at the Brookridge Club House, 8150 Hampton St., Brooksville, FL 34613
May 22	8:15	Brooksville Winery Star Gazing at the Sparacia Witherell Family Winery, 51509 Snow Hill Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601
May 24	8:15	Midmoor Blvd. Star Gazing at the Brookridge Golf Course observing site, just west of 14219 Rialto Avenue, Brooksville, FL 34613.
May 25	5:00	Farr Out observatory [FOO] stargazing, 10492 Singletary Rd, Dade City, FL 33525. \$5 donation