

03/03/10 LCAAS Meeting Minutes

Present: Phil, Harry, Red, Jeff, Christine, Mike R., Mike A., Gordon, Pete, Don, Sally, Mary Beth, John B., Jon D.

Call to order: Approximately 7:03 PM

Minutes read. Gordon moves to approve, Mike A. seconds. Voted for.

Treasurer's report provided by Red. Harry moves to approve, Don seconds. Voted for.

Old Business:

Officer Elections

All positions available but all existing officers willing to continue.

President: Phil

Vice President: John B.

Secretary: Mike R.

Treasurer: Red

Member at large: Harry Nay

Red moves to approve all officers. Mike R. seconds. Voted for.

Constitution Amendments

Discussed amendments.

Modified the "written ballot" to "written ballot if contested" for obvious reasons.

John moves to accept as amendments. Red seconds. Voted for.

Discussion of upcoming LCAAS events.

March 4 Review lighting & make recommendations at weather service site

March 27 (Saturday) 9:30am 12:00pm at Family Affair in La Crescent.

April 24 Astronomy Day

May 1 Banquet at Hackberries/ Dr. Jennifer Anderson

June 11 KVR

Sept 11 MVC

We're receiving a Night Sky Network toolkit possibly due to presentations we've given.

Business Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.

Mike R. gave presentation on laser collimation. Highlights were:

1. Make sure the laser itself is aligned. Can be done with simple v-blocks.
2. Make sure the laser collimator is square and secure in the focuser.
3. Primary mirror must be center spotted. Standard reinforcing rings may be big.
4. Adjust secondary first so laser is centered in primary spot.
5. Adjust primary so return beam disappears into center hole in laser collimator.

Program: A Galaxy Full of Black Holes