

Rappahannock Astronomy Club

Minutes, June 15, 2022, Online Meeting

In attendance:

Scott Busby
Bart Billard
Glenn Faini

Mark McDonagh
Mike Parker
Matthew Scott

The meeting began at about 8:05 p.m. Six members attended.

Old Business

- Treasurer's Report—Matt Scott said we had one new member join last month, resulting in \$20.00 incoming funds. He said that this month, two members sent in \$7.50 each to add Astronomical League (AL) membership. They were responding to his reminder to get AL payments to him this month before he had to send in the payments for the next year of AL membership. About a quarter of our current members opted for AL this year. He and Glenn Faini discussed a recent payment of \$7.50 from a new person and concluded it was probably for a student membership even though it came in when Matt was getting ready to send in the AL dues. Glenn F. said he had not had a reply to his email asking about it. Matt also said John Maynard had not yet cashed the check covering the prepaid VISA card needed for cloud storage of presentation videos.
- Vice President's Report—Glenn F. reported on star parties on May 28 and June 4. The May 28 star party was well-attended. Among the visitors was the Girl Scout Troop that contacted Glenn Holliday, and he was there to help them out. The June 4 star party was also held, but the Boy Scout Troop interested in attending cancelled. Glenn F. thought only Corey Dallmeyer's family and Troy Major showed up and said he left early when it seemed a little cloudy. He was hoping one of them would have been at this meeting and reported how it went.
- Secretary's Report—Bart Billard confirmed all he had to report was posting minutes for May. He also said Linda Billard told him she did not have a *StarGazer* report this month.
- Communications Committee Report—Glenn F. said John Maynard had put the four presentation videos up on the cloud storage he had set up for the club, and there are links to them on our web site "About RAC" page. He said they were the presentations by Dr. Levy (Pursuit of a Dream), David Eicher on Galaxies, Mars Rovers by JPL's Ashley W. Stroupe, and Green Bank Observatory by Sue Ann Heatherly.
- Equipment Inventory Report—Scott Busby said there were no changes in the equipment status. He did note that one telescope, the 3-inch refractor was on loan, on its second 30-day extension. The member who checked it out was doing planetary observations.

New Business

- Presentations and Other Items—Glenn F. had already said the presentation videos were now available online. He said he would soon send out a message about planning the picnic for this August. He said he would start by making sure we had the pavilion at Caledon available to us and then work on getting plans for who would be taking what dishes. He said he would send out the email on that this month. Scott suggested that inviting members of the Richmond Club to participate this year might be a nice little twist, and Richmond is not that far away. Glenn F. agreed and said some of their members were much closer than Richmond.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. It is planned as an online meeting.