

# Rappahannock Astronomy Club

## Minutes, September 21, 2022, Online Meeting

In attendance:

Bart Billard, Secretary  
Linda Billard, *StarGazer* Editor  
Glenn Faini, President  
Claire Gardener

Glenn Holliday  
Mark McDonagh  
John Maynard, Web Administrator  
Matthew Scott, Treasurer

The meeting began at about 8:10 p.m. Eight members attended.

## Old Business

- President's Report—Glenn Faini said the picnic was held on September 3, but weather did not allow the star party planned afterward.
- Treasurer's Report—Matt said that in August, there was one student member dues payment and no expenditures. The club balance increased by \$7.50. Glenn F. noted that we reached 56 members so far this year.
- Vice President's Report—Glenn F. reported that the star party on July 30 was successful. He referred everyone to his star party report on groups.io. He also reported that the August 6 star party was cancelled as was the next star party on September 3, the day of the picnic.
- Secretary's Report—Bart Billard said he had planned to mention downloading the MSRO meeting recording Glenn F. sent him the link for in case there was a question about space for recording this meeting. Because Glenn's internet was out, preventing him from starting the recording, possible lack of space did not matter.
- *StarGazer* Report—Linda Billard said she was trying to pin Corey Dallmeyer down on an article about his equipment. She asked whether RAC could report his outreach activities to Night Sky Network. She indicated she would start work on putting the next issue together in the next couple of weeks. Glenn F. suggested nominating Corey for Vice President.
- Communications Committee Report—Glenn F. asked John Maynard about Google releasing the @raclub.org email addresses. John said Don Clark restored our access for 1 month so that he could fix the two-factor authorization problem. He also arranged for the Domain Name Service (DNS) to point to the new server instead of Google's. John thought we could log in during the month to access our old gmail emails or other stored data for backup. Shortly after, Matt said he verified he had access. Glenn F. mentioned the message from Groups.io that we had used up 80 percent of our storage for attachments. The message indicated that when the 1-GB limit was reached, the oldest attachments would be deleted. No one present objected to allowing the oldest attachments to be lost. Glenn took a quick look and suspected that Myron's images might account for a large share of the attachments that would go first. Linda said Myron had previously said via email that this was OK by him.
- Equipment Inventory Report—Glenn F. skipped the equipment inventory report because Scott Busby was not present.

## New Business

- International Dark Sky Association (IDA) Representative—Glenn F. said Eileen Kragie was a Raclub member and also an IDA representative for NOVAC. She was interested in being a Rappahannock Astronomy Club representative to IDA as well. Glenn F. asked whether any other club member had a connection with IDA. Linda mentioned Scott Busby and some of his activities about dark skies, suggesting he might have a connection. Glenn F. said he would check with Scott.
- Upcoming Events—Glenn F. said the next star parties were scheduled for October 1 and 22, and our next club meeting was October 19. He said Officer nominations was on the agenda for the October club meeting. Glenn Holliday, who came in late because of another meeting, mentioned being contacted by a home-schooling group wanting to know about dates for January. Glenn F. noted it was time for him to work on next year's star party schedule. He floated the idea of

scheduling the picnic in October. We also discussed an email from Mackenzie Guenther, who had been his contact for scheduling star parties at Caledon until she moved to a different park. She wanted to schedule an event at Old Mill Park or Dixon Park for December 13 when the Geminids were supposed to peak. We agreed light pollution could be an issue for observing the shower. Glenn F. said he would forward the message to the club for discussion.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. It is planned as an online meeting.