

The Central Appalachian Astronomy Club (CAAC) held its regular meeting on August 30, 2014, at the Good Hope Observatory in Jane Lew, WV, with 6 in attendance.

CAAC president, Joe Gonzalez, convened the meeting.

Minutes were distributed and accepted on a motion by Roger Carpenter, seconded by Bob Hendricks.

The treasurer's financial report was presented. It was noted that some of our members have not yet paid for their rooms at the residence hall during Star Quest. The report was accepted on a motion by John, seconded by Roger.

Star Quest:

Sue Ann Heatherly, NRAO, has approved 6/17-20/2015 for Star Quest 12. Cherry Springs' star party date is 6/11-14/2015, so we won't be in competition with them next year.

A motion was brought by John and seconded by Roger to try to get Jocelyn Bell as our keynote speaker. We could approach WVU as a co-sponsor to help with her travel costs. Acceptance was unanimous. Also, Mark Kochte has committed to being a speaker, and Joe will contact Bob Royce about speaking on Mars.

It was suggested that we have bullet points/summary of Star Quest 12 speakers and topics sorted out by mid-October so we can list the information on our website and in our magazine ads. May explore possibility of one "centerfold" ad.

It was also suggested that Star Quest information and ads be made available to the Astronomical Leagues for dissemination to their member astronomy clubs. We need contact information to do that.

Since *The Reflector* is a quarterly publication, we need to run Star Quest ads in the December and March issues to get the fullest coverage.

Our Star Quest coffers are low. It was suggested that a committee be formed to examine our financial situation and find ways to save money, such as cutting back on the number of t-shirts we order.

Astronomy Day:

It was suggested that we consider changing the date of this event from mid-January to later in the spring when the weather won't be so bad. We need more general advertising and we need more contact with the science departments in local schools.

CAAC Business:

We need to promote our club more by being more visible with outreach programs. We also need to apply for the Dominion grants immediately. Application is due in November for awarding in March. John will handle.

We may also need to consider transferring responsibilities among our members.

Miscellaneous:

Blackwater Weekend sponsored by KVAS is 9/27-28/2014.

Our next meeting will be October 4, 2014.

The motion for adjournment was made by John, seconded by Roger.