

Rappahannock Astronomy Club

Minutes, November 11, 2009, Meeting

In attendance:

- David Amstutz
- Barton Billard
- Jim Baker
- Scott Busby
- Don Clark
- Glenn and Colleen Faini
- Joe and Sherry Francis
- Leigh Gettier
- Rachel Hertzog
- Dan Lien
- Mike Masters
- Javier and Ruby Valverde

President Scott Busby opened the meeting shortly before 7:20 p.m. with introductions around the room. Eleven members and two visitors were present. Scott announced that the Club would move back to the Library for future meetings because the meeting rooms at the Pizza Hut will no longer be available. He also talked about the Club and its activities and equipment for the benefit of newcomers. He said that the Club's Orion equatorial mount telescope is now back in fully usable condition thanks to Javier's efforts in adapting the replacement slow-motion knobs that did not fit.

Don Clark asked about the Leonid meteor shower event at Caledon, and Mike said he would post information about it online.

Scott announced the nominations for Club officer positions made at the last meeting: Mike Masters for president, Joe Francis for vice president, Tim Plunkett for treasurer, and Bart Billard for secretary. Scott said no other nominations had been submitted and asked if anyone wanted to offer nominations. No one offered additional nominations, and the Club voted in favor of each nominee by show of hands. Beginning in January, Mike Masters will be president, Joe Francis vice president, and Tim Plunkett will continue as treasurer as will Bart Billard as secretary.

After the elections, the meeting was opened for discussion. Leigh asked whether we could have a meeting where members would bring in their grab-and-go telescopes and discuss their experience with them. Mike encouraged each member to try to find a topic he or she was interested in learning about and presenting at a Club meeting program.

The rest of the evening was an occasion for members to socialize and enjoy pizza provided by the Club.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Caroline St., in Fredericksburg.

Submitted by Bart Billard, Secretary