

Rappahannock Astronomy Club

Minutes, August 12, 2017, Meeting

In attendance:

Jean Benson
Bart & Linda Billard
Scott & Debbie Busby
Don Clark
Glenn Faini

Glenn & Mariann Holliday
Scott Lansdale (arrived later)
Tim Plunkett
Matt Scott

Glenn Holliday called a brief meeting during the afternoon of the club picnic.

Old Business

- Meeting Location Possibilities—Glenn reviewed the meeting room possibilities Don Clark had obtained for the club. The Main Library had reserved a small room for the club meeting dates except for October. A room was available at England Run and reserved for October. Availability of rooms for next year was not yet determined, but there was a possibility of upstairs rooms in the Main Library that were under renovation becoming available. Linda Billard and another member thought people they knew at the Library might be able to provide some idea of how soon the renovation might be complete. Glenn moved, with a second from Linda, that we use the rooms available for September, November, and December at the Main Library and the room at England Run for October. The motion passed on a voice vote.
- Events—Glenn reminded us Stratford Hall (Jon Bachmann) was asking about an outreach event for 2018. Glenn said he and Scott Lansdale had looked at doing one in November or December 2018, and he had emailed Scott info about planets visible on the possible dates but had not received Scott's response. Glenn said he favored Saturday, November 10, with four planets and a crescent Moon visible, and that November 3 could be a second choice (with no Moon). He decided he would propose November 10, 2018, on the club email list and would ask for responses on who could make it.
- Stargazer—Glenn asked Linda whether she had anything to say about the newsletter. She said she wants people who said they were going to view the eclipse to write two or three sentences about what they saw after they return.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at the Headquarters Library on Caroline Street, downtown Fredericksburg.