

February 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes **By Terry Zimmerman**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Vice President Dave Heard. 23 members and guests were in attendance. Guests in attendance were Tom Otto, Don and Mary, DeeDee, Cody, and Brandon (The Secretary was unable to get all the names but tried to capture at least first names.).

Treasury Report

Don Chrysler gave the report as the club balance as \$2,340.06 (no change from last month). The report was accepted by the club members.

Old Business

Minutes were accepted. One minor typo was noted. The secretary will publish a rev 1.

New Business

Frank committed to do a program in March. Art Schneider talked about planned public observing events. They are as follows:

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| • Caprock Canyon | March 28 – 8:30pm |
| • Palo Duro Canyon (Lone Star Amphitheater) | April 11 – 8:45pm |
| • Alibates | April 18 – Time TBD? |
| • Caprock Canyon | April 25 – 9:00pm |
| • Palo Duro Canyon (Lone Star Amphitheater) | May 9 – 9:00pm |
| • Clayton Lake
Star Party on Labor Day Weekend) | Sept 5 – 8:00pm (Regional) |

Art also mentioned that there was a Messier Marathon March 15-22 @ the 3 Rivers Foundation (3RF) outside of Crows, Texas. \$50 Registration and \$10/day (camping/bunkhouse)

Observing Reports

Art reported observing LoveJoy Comet down at Buffalo Lake. Gene also reported observing of LoveJoy Comet at the Road Side Park.

Program

Alan Scruggs presented the program on Messier Objects and gave slide presentation about Charles Messier history and presented some of the images of the Messier objects in the sky. Thank you Alan.

There was also a discussion about the upcoming March 6 Meeting where there is a conflict with the Discovery Center. This meeting may have to be pushed until March 13. March 5th or 7th was also discussed as a possibility. Also the May 1 date will also be pushed to May 8. Club member were asked to please correct your 2015 schedule. As the dates get near, someone will post on the Yahoo site to remind people of the date changes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm to transfer to the Pizza Planet for eats & drinks.