

Amarillo Astronomy Club Meeting Minutes 10-6-2017

By Terry Zimmerman

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Will Ashcraft, President. There were 15 members in attendance.

Don gave the treasury report. The club balance is \$2,320.11 taking into account dues collected. Approval of the meeting minutes for the last meeting will be deferred to the next meeting as a copy was not available.

There was no old business.

In New Business, it was discussed that the meeting room on the 16th floor was not going to be available for the next meeting. The club will be meeting in the 2nd floor conference room in the Plaza II building right across the street to the south. We can still park in the west ANB parking lot and just walk across the street. Will will be downstairs to direct people in. A reminder of the change for this one meeting will be posted on the club web site.

It was reminded that there will be a couple of public observing events coming up that Art Schneider has coordinated and volunteers are request to help support these events.

- Oct 12 event at Caprock Cayon is cancelled.
- Oct 20th (Friday evening – 7:30pm) Palo Duro Canyon at the Wolfberry area near Juniper Campground.
- Oct 21th (Saturday evening 7:30pm) Alibates Flint Quarries visitor center.
- Nov 11th (Saturday evening 6:30 pm) Palo Duro Canyon, Wolfberry area.

Observing Report: Several members gave a report on the Okie-Tex Star Party this year. It was reported that they got about 6" of rain during the event, resulting in at least one member getting his motorhome stuck and had to be pulled out by a construction grader. The best observing occurred during the week according to the reports. One 10" telescope was reported to have caught on fire (left pointed at the sun without a filter in place). A couple of broken legs were reported and one biker was hit by a side mirror on a pickup, thus resulting in several people that had to be airlifted to the hospital. Otherwise a good time was had by all.

Kareem, vice president gave an excellent presentation on the southern sky and what it has to offer. It was very informative and enjoyed by all. Thank you Kareem for doing an excellent job on putting this together. Kareem also solicited others to help in offering up programs of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.