



Penobscot Valley Star Gazers

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Hubble's Last Repairs

Another June meeting of the PVSG is coming, this time on Monday the 8th at 6:30 p.m. in room 310 at John Bapst Memorial High School. The shuttle astronauts recently completed repairs to the Hubble telescope, and this month Bill will give us a look at the results.

There really wasn't any program last month beyond the elections. Congratulations to new president Mike and returning vice-president Scott.

New President

May 11, 2009



President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. There were 11 members and 3 guests present. Guests were Cathy, a teacher at Belleview High School in Thorndike; Mike and Marc, who mostly does solar stuff and brought a scope set-up to see the Ca K line (deep violet); he also has an

observatory in Norridgewock. Mike and Marc then joined as new members.

Elections were held for President and Vice President. Running unopposed was Mike, and for VP Scott and Marc ran, and Scott won.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Secretary's report.

The Treasurer's report was the same as last month.

A new application form for insurance from the Astronomical League needs to be sent in on November 1 with a letter to explain that coverage is to start on Feb. 1.

Next meeting Bill will speak on the Hubble repair.

The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia has on display 1 of 2 Galileo replicas for 4 more months.

On May 24 MPBN will have a showing of the Galileo video.

The star party at KSR had about 14 international students and 14 boy scouts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Real, who makes exact replicas of antique instruments, will be giving a talk on Oct. 16 from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Maine Society of Land Surveyors meeting at the Black Bear Inn in Orono.

Our Astronomical League dues are due July 1 to run until June 30, 2010. The dues are \$10 and \$5 per

member plus we need to send a roster 4 times per year.

Sept. 18-21 is the Night Sky Festival at Acadia National Park. We are scheduled for Cadillac on Sept. 18, but have asked for other sites.

Programs: July - Dave will talk about the book "Only Six Numbers."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and 10 members proceeded to our usual after meeting haunt at Governor's Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley
Member-At-Large

On the Schedule

(Items Subject to Change)

PROGRAMS

July: Dave, *Just Six Numbers*

STAR PARTIES

September 18 - 21: Night Sky Festival, Acadia National Park

First date is primary, second is rain date; ? Tentative; (rs) rain or shine; (co) clear only