

**Fort Bend Astronomy Club**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 General Meeting**  
**Minutes**

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- Began at 7:05pm
  - introduction/introduction of officers/welcome and greeting of new members
- *Novice presentation* by Adam Atanas:  
"Black holes: Cosmic wells in space"-everything you ever wanted to know
  - overview of black holes-what they are
  - how black holes are formed
  - detection of stellar black holes
  - super-massive/intermediate black holes
  - quasar image
  - Hawking radiation
  - Super string connections
    - connection between elementary particles and black holes
  - related phenomena
- Novice Presentation ended at 7:35pm
- Ten minute break at 7:37pm
- Resumed at 8:09pm
- *Main Presentation* is Q&A/Open Forum for discussion among group
  - *East Dome Committee:*
    - Put Roland Fields on East Dome list for equipment acquisition
    - for reservation of dome [email—fbac eastdome@yahoo.com](mailto:fbac_eastdome@yahoo.com)
    - Carl Sexton manages the reservations but no one knows who manages the list
    - **Need to find out who runs the list**
    - list of members for East Dome Committee on website
    - East Dome training
      - **enough interest for class by Carl Sexton**
      - **Carl to head up and organize East Dome action**
  - *Calendar:*
    - who maintains it? Bill Jacobus?
    - **AOW events should be added**
  - *Night Sky Network:*
    - Is used to set up and coordinate outreach events across the country and in the local area

- Aaron Clevenson is contact for night sky network
- can be used for AOW events
- **Alicia Tristan and Nathaniel Whitehead to sign up**
- **It was suggested that either Clevenson or Wiseman should come give us a talk about the night sky network**
- **It was suggested that FBAC become more involved with the list in some manner**
- NSN provides materials and presentation kits for its members to use on site during outreach
- *A.O.W.:*
  - many members feel that netslider is sufficient for outreach and feel that the greater Houston coalition is not necessary
    - FBAC had no vote in the creation of the coalition
  - last star party at Hodges Bend middle school
    - new contact at school knew nothing about event on the 11<sup>th</sup> and as a result it did not happen
  - Leonard has resigned effective immediately due to medical issues
    - received a standing ovation for his
  - Steven Walker is no longer an FBAC member, cited political reasons for his leaving
    - **Need to find replacement for both of the above members roles in AOW**
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