

Minutes – FBAC Meeting
June 20, 2008

7:00 – President Leonard Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Asked for volunteer to take minutes in the absence of Secretary, Alicia Tristan. Cynthia Gustava volunteered.

Leonard Ferguson announced prizes for the evening: Hal Coward donated dew shield, there were many items from Land Sea & Sky and a couple of prints made and donated by Roland of HCC.

Novice Presentation: “Telescope Dew Control” by Bill Jacobus – Effective methods and equipment for controlling dew on your telescope and eyepieces.

7:35 – Adjourned for first break.

7:50 – Re-adjourned for main speaker presentation. Vice-President, Wes Whiddon, introduced Dr. Michelle Kirchoff from LPI and related her bio. Talk was titled: Impact Cratering in the Solar System. Dr. Kirchoff’s main work right now at LPI is to study the cratering on the icy satellites of Saturn and Jupiter.

8:50 – Short Q&A period.

8:55 – Adjourned for second break.

9:15 – Called to order by Leonard Ferguson for business portion of meeting.

- Leonard introduced officers and welcomed visitors.
- East Dome report by Dennis Borgman
- Asteroid Team report by Bill Dillon: Two asteroids discovered by Joe Dellinger and Carl Sexton. Two robotic discoveries by Bill Dillon.
- Leonard Pattillo reported that there was nothing scheduled for Astronomy on Wheels until September.
- HAS visitor, Don Pierce, shared HAS Banquet news. Cost is \$30, date of event is July 12. Announcement and sign-up form on the HAS website. Featured speaker will be Dr. Stephen Weinberg on the “Weak Nuclear Force.”
- Cynthia Gustava presented on Astronomy Day plans being formulated. First organizational meeting was on June 19.
- DJ McCracken asked about buying and selling 2009 calendars at the meetings. Not many 2008 calendars were purchased. Might look at selling calendars at ADay for some extra money for FBAC.
- Leonard Ferguson discussed FBAC picnic in September. Discussed places to have it. Roland offered HCC site at Sienna Plantation, where the skies are pretty good. Leonard shared another site he checked into for \$45/hour and a deposit of \$350.
- Tracy (not in attendance) is working on the FBAC Christmas party.
- Leonard Ferguson called for volunteers to be on this year’s officer election committee. This committee will identify candidates for officer positions of

President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The election committee is Bill Jacobus, Steve Clayworth, and Bill Dillon.

- Derek Newton reported that 37 novice pins were given out at TSP. Alicia Tristan earned Larry Mitchell's advanced observing pin, making her the second youngest to get one.
- Leonard Ferguson related the different observing certificates available for FBAC members.
- Derek Newton proposed that FBAC design a new club flyer. Leonard Ferguson will put on agenda for next meeting.
- Door prizes were given out.

Leonard Ferguson announced next meeting date of July 18. After meeting dinner to be at 59 Diner.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Interim Recording Secretary
Cynthia Gustava