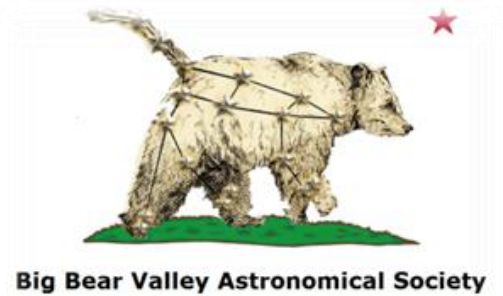


Big Bear Valley Astronomical Society



February 13, 2020 **Agenda and Minutes**

- ✓ Welcome:
 - New members or 1st time visitors?
 - **Members present: Claude, Teresa, Deanna, Tom, Pam, Vatch, Byron, Lydia, Randy, Wes, Dick, Matt, Bill.**
 - Any new Agenda Items?

- ✓ News and Announcements: **DKIST saw 1st light, BBSO is now #2.**
- ✓ Treasurer/Membership Report: **\$946.50 balance, same membership**
- ✓ Scholarship Fund Report: **\$668.31 plus about \$75.00 from Urban Assault 1/31/2020**
 - Report: Committee for the application process...
 - **Working on the app... needs more info from school**
 - **Agreed to two awards this year.**

- ✓ Librarian Report : **Will donate the remaining Library to school.**
- ✓ Comments, reports, discussions, reviews:
 - Urban Assault Fri, Jan 31st in the Village. **Randy, Teresa, Claude, Bill**
 - **Lots of people, cold, donations=~\$75**
 - Club Star Party Jan 25th (GMARS)... **no one went... too cold**
 - Virtual Lecture Thurs. Jan 16th, Claude "On the Speed of Light, Aether, the Michaelson Interferometer and Special Relativity". **"good", "great", "excellent".**
 - BBSO public tour earlier today, and in January. **Matt, John: good attention and questions**
 - Any word about school district Astronomy club? **Not yet, but Deanna is on top of it.**

- ✓ Activities
 - Virtual Lecture Thurs. Feb 27 – Andrew Cooper of Keck Telescope (either Keck or Thirty Meter Telescope)
 - Club Star Party Feb 22nd – Where? **Decided on High Chaparral weather permitting**
 - Urban Assault Fri Feb 29th. **OK**
 - Anyone working on the AL Lunar Project (Bill HAS award!!! Deanna, Jane & Teresa)? Or the Outreach Award? (Claude & Teresa, Steve & Josh Johnson)? **Bill working on Lunar II.**
 - Spring Tour – Have requests in to Stratoliner (Virgin Galactic-Mojave), NASA Armstrong Space Center (Edwards), and SOFIA (Palmdale). **Awaiting confirmation from them.**
 - Proposed Bear Valley Farms: May 22, June 19, July 17, Aug 14, Sept 18... **agreed**
 - Proposed Discovery Center: July 10, Aug 21, ~~Sept 12~~.. **agreed**

- ✓ Chief observer report.
 - What's up this month? **Mars goes behind the Moon on 2/18/2020 early in the morning.**
 - **Mars disappears at 3:38am local (lower left), and re-appears 4:29am local (lower right).**
 - <https://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/lunar-occultation-of-mars-february-18>

- ✓ Scheduling:
 - Next beginner talk?
- ✓ General Discussion –