

Executive committee notes for 2008-07-12

The meeting was held in public at the Stargazer picnic. All officers were in attendance:

Tim Milligan, Don Surlis, Michael Lecuyer, Kathy Sheldon, Tom Pomponio, David Wells, and Leonard White.

The meeting started with a reading of the treasure's report for fiscal year 2007. Income was \$10,108.27 while expenses were \$8,787.31. Income exceeded expenses by \$1,320.96 leaving us with \$12,461.19 for 2007.

There was a spirited debate on the necessity of mailing the newsletter to half the membership at a cost of \$1,448.93 per year. The debate centered on the income from membership dues versus the largest expenses incurred by the membership using the 2007 figures. The membership dues brought in \$1,360. The largest member expenses were the newsletter (\$1,449) and meeting rental space (\$850) for a total membership cost of \$2,254. The exchange was tabled for another time.

President Tim Milligan presented the 2009 calendar. Only the Star Gaze and No Frills star parties are definite. The others depend on availability of facilities.

- The Mirror Making Seminar is set for March 20th through the 22nd or March 27th through March 29th when the new moon will occur. The final date will be set by the availability of the St. Jones Reserve or the Mallard Lodge, with preference for the St. Jones location which has better facilities.
- The Spring Stargaze Star Party will be held from April 22nd until April 26th in keeping with our Wednesday to Sunday tradition. The New Moon falls on the 24th.
- The Fall No Frills Star Party will be held from September 16th until September 20th. The New Moon falls on the 18th.
- The winter Holiday Party will likely be held on Saturday December 5th.

There was a discussion about holding a meeting with leaders of other clubs some time this year to share ideas. The Mallard Lodge would be the likely venue since it holds the most people at the right price. No date has been set.