**NHAS November 2016 Business Meeting**

The November business meeting was held at St. Anselm College, our President, **John Bishop**, presiding.

**The Future Is Now**

Election of NHAS 2017 officers and a Director will take place at December’s meeting. The floor will be open for nominations at this meeting and at the December meeting. The vote will be taken by members in attendance at the December meeting. If you wish another member to cast a proxy vote on your behalf, send them an email or a signed document with your full name on it that they can bring to the meeting. Our Secretary, **Paul Winalski**, volunteers to act as proxy for any member; send him your voting instructions via email.

Send nominations for NHAS recognition awards to our President, John Bishop.

Our annual pot-luck supper will take place at December’s meeting. **Marc Stowbridge** volunteered to coordinate it.

**Steve Forbes** has volunteered to edit the NHAS *Observer*.

The Nashua Holiday Stroll is the Saturday night after Thanksgiving. NHAS (sidewalk Astronomy) is one of the events. **Ken Charles** is coordinating. We would like to have 4-6 scopes there.

There is now a “Donations” web page on the NHAS website. Note the line about asking NHAS first before donating equipment. We have no storage space for magazines, old Astronomy books, used telescopes, etc.

**Astronomical League**

Ken Charles reports that **Steve Rand** received an Outreach Award from the AL.

**Educational Outreach**

Steve Rand reports that the Library Planisphere Program is being tested at five libraries. We have already received unsolicited positive feedback from Bedford Library. Next year’s officers need to consider whether to expand the LPP.

The Living Museum in Wolfeboro is interested in getting a library telescope.

**Other Business**

Thanks to the Wicketts for hosting the NHAS Ghost Hunt event.

**Nominations**

These nominations were made and seconded:

- President: **Marc Stowbridge**
- Vice President: **Matt Marulla**
- Treasurer: Ken Charles
- Secretary: Paul Winalski
- Director: John Bishop

**Book of the Month**

John Bishop presented *Parallax* by Alan Hirschfield.

**Scope of the Month**

John Rose presented the Gilbert 80 power 2½-inch reflector.

**Astronomy Shorts**

**Don and Melinde Byrne** were very impressed by the views through Godzilla, the 36” Obsession.

**Guest Speaker**

J. Kelley Beatty presented “America’s Coast-to-Coast Total Solar Eclipse”.

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**The Bottom Line**

- **Starting Balance:** $17480.42
- **Deposits/Credits:**
  - Membership: 474.80
  - Donations: 20.00
  - Bank interest: 0.41
  - Subscriptions: 98.02
  - Calendars: 63.00
  - Random change: 0.79
  - Total: 657.02

- **Accounts/Paid:**
  - **Rackspace Cloud:** 58.02
  - Kalmbach Publishing (calendars): 233.82
  - Kalmbach Publishing (magazines): 68.00
  - Sky Publishing (magazines): 32.95
  - Total: 382.79

- **Net Account Balance:** $17744.65
- **Petty cash drawer:** $100.00
- **Cash Balance:** $17844.65

- **Membership:** 87
  - **Ind. Fam.**
    - Cash Renewals: 3 0 90.00
    - Cash New: 0 0 0.00
    - PayPal Renewals: 8 2 250.06
    - PayPal New: 4 2 134.74
    - Total: 53 474.80

- **Current Members:** 102
  - 19 Family
  - 74 PayPal

- **New Members:**
  - Cheryl Paradis & famiy, Nashua
  - Gerry Marino, Laconia
  - Tim Maciolek, Dunbarton
  - Marc Tardiff, Mont Vernon

- **Donations:**
  - Bob Sweeney: 20.00
  - Total: 20.00

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