

Agenda goes something like this astrodudes (1/10/2005) **January Meeting NSAS.**

VP position: The students present nominated Milly as VP, voted and elected with no objections.

Secretary position: Club elected Jennifer Rogers as new secretary.

Astronomical League: Voted finally to join astronomical league. The league will decide in Aug. whether or not to allow partial club memberships our group will join.

NDSP meeting: will be held this Thursday at 7:30PM in copy room of physics

Mid-Feb deadline on shirt designs, upload to the Yahoo server or give to Milly or Dean for scanning and upload.

Most members of the club are going to the star party.

NSAS meetings: day changed to 2nd Monday of the month to avoid class conflicts, same time and location.

Dues: Dean has collected 10.00\$ dues for the year, if you haven't already done so give him money at next meeting, ½ will go towards membership in the Astronomical League.

NDSP05 website: Page is 99% done, registration tests are to be completed on Thursday night and site should be functional within a week. Access is through the NSAS webpage.

Matt's news: Finished telescope, need to fix figure of 6 inch mirror and send away to be silvered. Gives good views of stars and planets.

Matt has printed up a large format picture of star trails taken at the Badlands star party and asked club if they wanted to reimburse him for the costs in order that the framed and matted print be given in August to Theodore Roosevelt Park. Milly introduced a motion to give Matt 50.00 for the framing and matting costs and for the club to give it to the park in August. Dean 2nd with Ray and club passed motion. Club will have plaque made which accompanies the picture listing them as donating the picture.

News:

DSS Cassini event will be Saturday Jan 22 from noon-5pm more information at www.dss.space.edu

Astronomy week is Apr 10-16, club voted on holding events at least on astronomy day which is Apr. 15 or 16th. Ideas included setting up scopes by Post Office to attract tax paying people, and setting up outside HobbyTown USA. Additionally, we will see if schools would like a Night Sky Network presentation.

Milly is building a astronomy archive, bring any historical items you have, paper articles, posters, newsletters to future meetings so milly can copy them and place into club history CD-Rom.

Paul Harderson is thinking of doing an astronomy summer camp to help out the Dakota science center and raise funds. Club wants more detailed plans before committing.

Comet Machholtz was observed by Paul Erickson, Dean Smith, Charlie Hofferber who all photographed the comet, Charlie brought in one of his digital prints of the comet near M45