

Fairfield County Astronomical Society



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MEETING NOTICE

The public is invited to attend.

Date: Tuesday May 11, 2010
Time: 8:00 pm

Place: Stamford Observatory

8:00 pm This is the Annual Meeting for elections. Since no nominations have been received we expect to re-elect the current slate.

8:15 pm Part 2 of the program on the development of the telescope from the time of Galileo to the present, and on to plans for future telescopes. This includes the 20th anniversary of the launch of the Hubble Space Telescope, and some spectacular space views as well as some photos of existing telescopes most of us will never get to see.

Refreshments will be available.

If the weather is clear we may get in some observing after the meeting. Saturn is well placed the evening sky, with the rings nearly edge on. Recent open house nights have had some excellent seeing.

Minutes of the FCAS Meeting April , 2010

Six members were present, including John Griese by phone.

Before the start of the meeting I had been experimenting with the video feed from the camera on the 8-inch telescope mounted on top of the 22-inch. I was successful in getting the feed to the small video monitor in the rear of the auditorium, but could not get it to display properly on the new LCD projector. There seems to be an incompatibility between the signal put out by the camera and that required by the projector. All of the members present were able to view the results. Further experimentation is needed.

The meeting was opened at about 8:10 with a phone call to John Griese. The Secretary was absent due to other pressing business, as was the Treasurer. I noted that the bank balance had not changed, remaining at \$1903.00. The approach of the NorthEast Astronomy Forum the following weekend was mentioned. There being no further business we watched the excellent video on the development of the telescope over the last 400 years.

**Charles Scovil
for the Secretary**