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Meeting opened at 6:53

Roger told us that a friend of his has invited us out to the Dearborn area for observing. We decided to decline based on accessibility and high horizons.

We were in need of scopes for the Friday Lewis and Clark star party as Jim Knutson, Ken Ferguson, John Thomas, and Jim Krick wouldn't be there. (Secretary's note) We were clouded out with a strong wind. Only had 3 customers as we were tearing down for the night. Patty Lewis had her new 10" equatorial telescope out for a run but wasn't able to use it.

Motion was made and seconded that since the candidates were running unopposed that we vote them into office. All candidates were voted in unanimously. Our new officers are:

**Chip Wright – President
Jane Surmi – Vice President
Rollin Grey – Secretary
Carol Schile – Treasurer
Ken Ferguson – Board
Patty Lewis – Board
Neil Cimo – Board**

Congratulations to our new officers and a big thank-you to our past officers. The new officers take their positions at the January meeting.

Our Boone and Crocket reservation is still in place. We need to make a firm commitment soon. The facility fee is \$150.00 per night and an individual fee of \$25.00 per night per person. Facility fees would come from the club's funds and could be waived if we could do a public star party for the surrounding communities.

Our Harley Park "family reunion" get-together is back on the calendar. This will be held the 4th of July weekend. This is a club only party.

The Jefferson Valley Observatory will hold it's annual star party on the last weekend of September. The date is not firm at this time. Jim Knutson will keep us informed.

Chip Wright brought in a survey he made to see where the membership thought we should go in the coming year. We thought this was a good idea and perhaps we should do an annual survey.

It was suggested that perhaps we should charge a fee for our services on star parties other than our Lewis and Clark public ones. This was tabled for a later meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:05pm