ICAS MEETING

May 16th, 2016

Community Room Hayes Hall, Skagit Valley College

Meeting called to order by the President Bob S at 6:30 P.M.

Attendance: 10 members and 1 guest.

Mike gave the monthly astronomy highlights. Mars opposition May 22nd closest to Earth on May 30th. Saturn opposition June 3rd, June 20th June solstice,

Astronomy 101: Richard presented how size matters in space

Main Presentation: Dan did an interesting talk on Transits, showing pictures of moon transits across Jupiter, Mercury and Venus across the Sun

**Business Meeting** – called to order at 7:30 pm

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented (sent as e-mail).

Treasurer’s Report:

Outgoing $285.95

Incoming $0

Balance $2,577.24

The next club meeting will be June 20th and the next star party will be June10th.

June 101: Taylor - TBD

June Main Topic: Bob – Comets and Meteor Showers

**If you have not paid your dues, you are late. Please see Keri**

Outreach:

* Dan did a presentation at the Christian School. Had a good turnout. Used a 90mm HA showed sunspots. Did a presentation of Pluto about 5 classes showed.

* During the Mercury Transit on May 9th, telescopes with solar filters were presented by Dan at the North Whidbey Middle School, Andy and Ruth at Oak Harbor Middle School and Taylor at Oak Harbor High School.

* Bob did a tour of the constellations and stars at Camp Delany May4th – 8th.

* Star Party on 6th May. About a dozen people attended.

Future Outreach

* Deception Pass State Park would like us to do a presentation and Star Party this summer. Bob S. is working with them to get details.

* A 2-day solar eclipse workshop in Carbondale Illinois will be held. Please contact Bob S to send details

* Richard and Mike proposes the possibility of acquiring Baader Solar Film for making solar filters for regular telescopes. Bob S. suggests that we make it a workshop at one of the meetings and everyone will make solar filters. One full sheet of Baader solar film will make 18- 6” X 6” pieces at a cost of about $100. The club can buy the materials and everyone assemble their filter at the meeting in time for the 2017 Solar Eclipse. Everyone approves. Richard will look at getting the materials.

Dan awarded Andy and Ruth Nielsen with 2 pins for their involvement in the Public Outreach and spearheading the Broadview Elementary Enrichment Program for the last two years.

Dan turned over the keys for FT Nugent Park and passed the torch for Public Star Parties as he has announced that May 6th may have been his last one

Club Officer Nominations are as follows.

President-  Bob

Vice President- Richard

Secretary- Michael

Treasurer- Keri

Member at Large (2) Carl and Bob W

Education Public- Richard

Education Meetings-Bob S

Web Master- Darryl

Publicity- Andy

Astronomical League Award Coordinator -Andy

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

End

ICAS Secretary – Mike Thompson