

## **Minutes from the August 2, 2010, Board meeting of the Howard Astronomical League (HAL).**

The meeting was attended by President Bob Prokop, First Vice President Ed Sabala, Second Vice President and Publicity Chair Tim Laswell, Treasurer Peter Friedman, Observatory Chair Joel Goodman, Event Coordinator David Stein, Webmaster Chas Rimpo, Past President Wayne Baggett, Member Philip Browne, Jr., and Secretary David Illig.

President Bob Prokop opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. by remarking that the binocular star party was not a big success attendance-wise; he saw only a few adults from outside the League. Joel said that the small group that attended the Star-BQ was just the right size. Bob said that we need ideas for future public events. Wayne said that the constellation Lyra will be the subject of the September public star party.

The president said that he will be unable to attend the September and October general meetings due to travel plans.

Event Coordinator David Stein said that he had heard from the Howard County Library that the program that the library asked us to present will have to be conducted entirely out of doors; the library has taken our meeting room for another purpose. David said that he would make a presentation anyway, possibly using a computer display. Joel said, and the secretary agreed, that if the library asks us to do a program they really ought to provide the facilities for that program.

Wayne confirmed that the speaker for the September general meeting will be Tony Keyes, who works with the Cosmic Origins Spectrograph at the Space Telescope Science Institute.

Joel said that he is keeping in touch with the architect for the observatory project. The \$25,000 grant from the state of Maryland is ours as soon as we claim it, he said. The grant money must be spent within a two-year period that began on July 1, 2010.

David Illig, Secretary