



## Scarborough & Ryedale Astronomical Society

### Annual General Meeting Minutes

*Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017, 7.45pm*

*Ayton Village Hall*

<b>In attendance:</b>	Bryan Moiser (Secretary)	Sheila Anderson (Treasurer)		
	Jon Borgia	Neil Graham	Cheryl Smith	Howard Watson
	John Collier	Jim Cornmell	Ken Leach	Liz Curry
	Kathy Nicol	Aidan Wilkinson	Paul Merritt	Janine Richardson
	Wafa Aldin Said	Phil Scaling	Jonathan Mortimer	John Harper

Agenda Item	
1	<b>Welcome</b>  1.1 BM welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  2.1 Apologies for absence were accepted from MJ and MT.
3	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>  3.1 BM pointed out that the Secretary is himself and not the former Coronation Street actor, Brian Mosely, as recorded in the minutes.
4	<b>Matters arising</b>  4.1 HW gave a brief update on the gathering of data for UKMON. The computer is unable to record the data gathered and a shorter lead is needed. HW will fit the lead when the landowner is available to assist.

	<p>4.2 BM reported that the library books are now stored at Ayton and available at meetings.</p> <p>4.3 The committee had discussed the request to change the night of the meetings at Ayton but decided to keep them at Friday.</p> <p>4.4 Skynotes has been reduced in length.</p>
5	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p> <p>5.1 BM read out the report from the Chairman</p> <p>Appendix A</p>
6	<p><b>Secretary's Report</b></p> <p>6.1 BM presented his report</p> <p>Appendix B</p>
7	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>7.1 SA presented her report on the Starfest 2016 balance sheet and the balance sheet for the Society's Finances 2016/2017</p> <p>Appendix C</p> <p>7.2 To summarise, Starfest 2016 made a profit of £955. The society's bank account has a balance of £9659. Balancing Revenue against Income there is a net reduction of £248 over the year.</p> <p>7.3 JC began a lively discussion on Starfest by posing the question: 'Was it worth £1000 for the effort?' SA pointed out that without the Hog Roast and Bar the profit would have been higher.</p> <p>7.4 For the benefit of newer members JH gave a history of Starfest.</p> <p>7.5 SA pointed out that due to contamination of the water on the site there could be a need to provide water at the next Starfest and this would add to the cost.</p>
8	<p><b>Election of Officers by the Membership</b></p> <p>8.1 BM explained that the procedure is for all committee members to stand down and for the new committee to be voted in. He then listed those who had put themselves</p>

	<p>forward for positions on the committee and invited any further nominations:</p> <p>Chairman – Vacant  Secretary – Bryan Moiser  Treasurer – Sheila Anderson  Ordinary Members – Jon Borgia, Jim Cornmell, Neil Graham, Cheryl Smith, Mark Tissington and Howard Watson.</p> <p>8.2 No further nominations were received.</p> <p>8.3 All the candidates were proposed by John Harper and seconded by Liz Curry.</p> <p>8.4 All 8 committee members were duly elected form the 2017/2018 season.</p>
9.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>9.1 Given the Society' bank balance there was discussion about what the money could be spent on. It was agreed that there were no obvious needs to purchase new equipment, although the possibility of a solar telescope was raised again.</p> <p>9.2 BM pointed out that it had yet to be decided which telescopes would be housed in the domes at Dalby. Putting a question to the meeting it was agreed that the decision over the telescopes could be left to the committee when it sits again in September with no need for a member referendum.</p> <p>9.3 The discussion then moved to using funds to attract new members to the society. BM outlined the difficulties and financial risk he saw in attempting to arrange a number of talks on Astronomy and selling tickets to the public. BM also referred to the success of the last Introduction to Astronomy event and stated that the next one had been arranged on 29<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>9.4 KL pointed out the need for more education to be available to those new to astronomy. The discussion was around the balance of the talks at Ayton and the need for practical, hands-on, sessions. BM pointed out that any member experiencing difficulties with their telescope could bring it to any meeting for help.</p> <p>9.5 JM asked when the next solar observing at Dalby was planned. BM thought this might have been something suggested by MT who had also put forward the idea of a Starparty at Dalby during the summer.</p> <p>9.5 BM rounded up the meeting with notices and asked for help to clean the domes at Dalby on a date to be arranged in September.</p>
10	<p>10.1 Meeting closed at 9.20pm and adjourned for tea, coffee and banana loaf.</p>