



Scarborough & Ryedale Astronomical Society

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Friday 20th July 2019, 7.45pm

Ayton Village Hall

In attendance:	Neil Graham (Secretary)	Sheila Anderson (Treasurer)		
	Howard Watson	Neil Graham	Keith Worsell	John Harper
	Kathy Nicol	Aidan Wilkinson	Glyn Davies	

Agenda Item	
1	Welcome 1.1 Neil Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	Apologies for Absence 2.1 Apologies for absence were accepted from Jim Cornmell, Paul Merrit, Roger Jones, Lesley Jones, Jonathan Mortimer, Mark Tissington.
3	Minutes of last meeting 3.1 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, confirmed by Howard Watson/John Harper.
4	Matters arising 4.1 Neil Graham reported that the BBC documentary crew attended StarFest 2018 and obtained over 6 hours of footage on an extremely clear night. Neil Graham reports the documentary is set to be broadcast in 2020.

5	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>5.1 Neil Graham presented his report</p> <p>Appendix A</p> <p>John Harper proposes vote of thanks to be minutes for Neil Graham for Secretary work – Howard Watson seconds - Accepted</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>7.1 Sheila Anderson presented her report on the balance sheet for the Society's Finances 2018/2019. Sheila Anderson explained that for ease of use the figures for Starfest 2018 were not included.</p> <p>Appendix B</p> <p>7.2 To summarise: The excess of expenditure over income for the year is £339. As of July 2019 the society' bank account has a balance of £10409.</p> <p>7.3 Keith Worsell enquires of any of the Society funds are "earmarked" for any specific purpose. Neil Graham explains that a portion of the funds were going to be used to purchase a solar telescope for the Society, however following the donation of a PST scope and a travel scope with a solar attachment, currently there were no plans for purchases. Neil Graham welcomed suggestions from members for equipment purchase ideas or suggestions for trips.</p>
7	<p>Election of Officers by the Membership</p> <p>7.1 Neil Graham explained that the procedure is for all committee members to stand down and for the new committee to be voted in. No committee member had indicated they were stepping down this year. Neil Graham invited any further nominations for vacant roles:</p> <p>Chairman – Vacant Secretary – Neil Graham Treasurer – Sheila Anderson Ordinary Members – Mark Tissington, Phil Scaling and Howard Watson.</p> <p>7.2 No further nominations were received.</p> <p>7.3 John Harper proposed that all existing Committee members be re-elected to their previous positions as one vote – Aiden Wilkinson seconds</p> <p>7.4 All 5 committee members were duly elected for the 2019/2020 season.</p> <p>7.5 Neil Graham thanked Phil Scaling for his work as a committee member, particularly with organising speakers for Ayton meetings.</p>

8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>8.1 Sheila Anderson proposed the talks budget for 2019/2020 to be set at £350 based on 2018/2019 spending – Neil Graham seconds</p> <p>8.2 It was proposed that a members’ event be planned coinciding with the Geminids in December – Neil Graham Seconds</p> <p>8.3 Howard Watson proposed planning another event with the National Trust at Ravenscar – Neil Graham seconds</p> <p>8.4 Sheila Anderson proposes the society Xmas meal be at a different location than the Downe Arms. Neil Graham suggests the Grapes at Ebberston, Sheila Anderson to enquire with Grapes and other local pubs.</p> <p>8.5 It is raised that the Star Disc at the South Bay is currently not functional. Neil Graham explains he has been in contact with Council already about this and they confirmed an issue with the light generators for the fiberoptics. Neil Graham to recontact council for an update.</p> <p>8.6 Keith Worsell enquires if the hall at Ayton has a hearing induction loop and if the space heaters in the hall can be turned off from a main switch. Neil Graham to enquire.</p>
9	9.1 Meeting closed at 8.20pm and adjourned for refreshments.