



Scarborough & Ryedale Astronomical Society

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 10th January, 2018, 7.30pm

Home of Neil Graham

In attendance:	Bryan Moiser (Secretary)	Sheila Anderson (Treasurer)	Howard Watson
		Neil Graham	Jim Cornmell

Agenda Item		Action
1	Welcome and apologies 1.1 NG welcomed everyone to the meeting. 1.2 Apologies for absence were accepted from MT, CS and JB	
2	Minutes of last meeting 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.	
3	Matters arising Actions from the previous meeting (numbering according to actions): Actions carried forward from 6th December 2016 15.1 Carried forward. Actions carried forward from 3rd July 2017 7.2 Carried Forward 7.3 NG to have replacement bolts made locally. 8.1 BM outlined some insurance quotations. The cheapest option was agreed	

	<p>upon.</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 4th October 2017</p> <p>14.1 carried forward</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 4th October 2017</p> <p>3.1.5 Carried forward.</p> <p>3.1.6 Carried forward</p> <p>3.1.9 Complete</p> <p>3.1.10 The extinguishers are not part of the product recall but do need testing. NG to arrange.</p> <p>5.10 Carried Forward</p> <p>7.2 Camera given to NG by HW for testing.</p> <p>10.2 Complete</p> <p>11.2 Complete</p> <p>11.4 Complete</p> <p>11.6 Complete</p> <p>12.2 Complete</p> <p>13.2 Complete</p> <p>13.6 Laptop sourced by JC and in process of having necessary software installed. Complete.</p>	NG
4	<p>Treasurer Update</p> <p>4.1 The balance of the Society' account stands at £9,776 with £170 in petty cash.</p>	
5	<p>Dalby Astronomy Centre</p> <p>5.1 BM reported the 12" Skywatcher is working well but could do to have its mirrors cleaned. BM and JC to clean mirrors.</p> <p>5.2 NG reported on the problems with the LX200. It appears these can be remedied by replacing a small battery. NG to replace battery, polar align the scope and produce a simple guide to using the scope.</p> <p>5.3 NG reported that anew security light on a 10 minute timer is causing problems. BM to raise the issue with the FC.</p>	<p>BM/JC</p> <p>NG</p> <p>BM</p>

6	<p>Starfest</p> <p>6.1 NG reported that he will be booking resources such as toilets this month. A number of speakers have been booked and more will be added.</p> <p>6.2 NG is sourcing better loudspeakers for use in the marquee.</p> <p>6.3 Reminders are being sent out to past attenders.</p>	
7.	<p>Octon</p> <p>7.1 The camera is being tested as discussed above</p>	
8.	<p>Society Subscriptions</p> <p>8.1 The society subscribes to a number of periodicals such as the BAA. There is no evidence of these being read by members so BM suggested that these are not renewed this year. Agreed.</p>	
9.	<p>Dalby Forest Explorer Day</p> <p>9.1 It was agreed the society will support this event again. It is scheduled for 8th July. HW to produce display material on the theme of Speed.</p>	
10.	<p>Public Observing</p> <p>10.1 The next event is 2nd February. JH to be approached if it is likely to be clear. The moon is 96% lit that evening. JB will prepare a short talk in the event of poor weather. NG checking his shifts to see if he too can assist.</p>	
11.	<p>AOB</p> <p>11.1 NG has responded to Helmsley Cubs who are attending the public viewing event on 2nd March.</p> <p>11.2 BM stated he is attending a meeting at Dalby with Stuart Butcher, the FC Recreation Officer for Dalby. SB wishes to discuss and agree barrier access for SARAS.</p> <p>11.3 SA pointed out that MJ is in possession of the society archives and it would be useful to recover them and put them on display for members. JC agreed to approach Mell and store the archives.</p>	JC
12.	Date of next meeting	

	12.1 Date and venue of the next meeting is Wednesday, 21 st March, 7:30 pm at the home of HW.	
	Meeting closed at 8.40pm	