



Scarborough & Ryedale Astronomical Society

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 28th March, 2018, 7.30pm

Home of Howard Watson

In attendance:	Bryan Moiser (Secretary)	Sheila Anderson (Treasurer)	Howard Watson
		Neil Graham	Jon Borgia

Agenda Item		Action
1	Welcome and apologies 1.1 HW welcomed everyone to the meeting. 1.2 Apologies for absence were accepted from MT and JC.	
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 BM explained that having discussed it with Simon Butcher at Dalby a fully costed proposal for the sky chart drum was need for approval first by this committee and then by the Forestry Commission. NG stated he believed MT has made some drawings of what the drum could look like. BM to ask MT if he wishes to create a proposal. Actions carried forward from 3rd July 2017 7.2 Carried Forward	MT

	<p>7.3 NG has approached two engineers with a view to creating replica bolts. The issue is the original bolts were adapted by the manufacturer in the USA. NG has sourced two replacement bolts which will be adapted for use on the domes.</p> <p>8.1 Complete</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 4th October 2017</p> <p>14.1 BM has enquired with the FC and the storeroom at Dalby is not covered by their buildings insurance. Given that nothing of great value is kept in the store it was agreed not to pursue this action any further.</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 4th October 2017</p> <p>3.1.5 The missing set of eyepieces has been traced to a person who attended at Starfest. BM is in contact with the person and they will be returned. AE is in possession of the sky quality metre which NG will collect. AE is looking for the set of eclipse glasses.</p> <p>3.1.9 Complete</p> <p>3.1.10 NG reported the fire extinguishers are still showing green but are technically out of date. NG to check if the extinguishers need testing.</p> <p>5.10 Shrubbery around the domes has been cut back. Action complete.</p> <p>7.2 NG has tested the Octon camera and it is working appears to need a stronger power supply. HW and NG to visit the site and look at the installation of the camera.</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 4th October 2017</p> <p>5.1 Mirrors cleaned by JC. Action complete.</p> <p>5.2 Having researched the problems with the LX 200 and found assistance online, NG as been able to identify the issues with the telescope and rectify them. Telescope is now working but needs to be polar aligned again. Action complete.</p> <p>5.3 BM raised the security light with Simon Butcher and the issue has been resolved. Action complete.</p> <p>11.3 JC is in contact with MJ to recover the society' archives.</p>	<p>NG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>HW/NG</p> <p>JC</p>
4	<p>Treasurer Update</p> <p>4.1 The balance of the Society' account stands at £9,752 including £1190 that</p>	

	has come from Starfest so far. The Treasurer's report is attached.	
5	<p>Dalby Astronomy Centre</p> <p>5.1 As reported above the LX 200 is now working needs to be polar aligned. Having cleaned the mirrors on the 12 inch Skywatcher, JC has compiled a list of recommendations for further improvements. A simple improvement that would help this telescope would be to fix the guide scope which is loose and easily knocked out of place. BM to liaise with JC regarding the fix.</p>	BM/JC
6	<p>Starfest</p> <p>6.1 NG reported on the developments with Starfest. The cost of skip hire has gone up by £55. Speakers, including Stuart Atkinson, have been agreed. NG will send email reminders to those previous attendees who have yet to respond. It is hoped the rocket competition will go ahead as usual. Given concerns over the water supply at the field participants will be advised to either bring bottled water or to boil water before use.</p> <p>6.2 To date 19 booking forms have been returned, some for multiple sites. The aim is to fill 80 plots.</p> <p>6.3 A vehicle charge of £5 per vehicle for the duration of the event has been agreed with the FC.</p> <p>6.4 SA added that even if the event does not make money this year it still needs to be run in order to ensure the event the future years.</p> <p>6.5 Six people will be required to set up the field. SA agreed to organise the wine and nibbles.</p>	
7.	<p>Octon</p> <p>7.1 The camera installation is being tested as discussed above.</p>	
8.	<p>Dalby Forest Explorer Day 2018</p> <p>8.1 It was agreed that the society will set up between the domes at the Dalby Forest Explorer Day. HW will oversee an experiment using a microwave that demonstrates the speed of light. Student Hannah to be invited to create a poster for use at the event.</p>	

