



Scarborough & Ryedale Astronomical Society

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 5th February, 2019, 7.30pm

Home of Howard Watson

In attendance:	Neil Graham (Secretary)	Sheila Anderson (Treasurer)	
	Phil Scaling	Howard Watson	

Agenda Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>1.1 HW welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>1.2 Apologies for absence were accepted from MT.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Actions from the previous meeting (numbering according to actions):</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 6th December 2016</p> <p>15.1 Due to no costed proposal for the rotating drum, it was agreed to abandon the project</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 3rd July 2017</p> <p>7.2 Completed</p> <p>7.3 Carried Over - NG still trying to source appropriate bolts.</p>	<p>MT/NG</p> <p>NG</p>

	<p>Actions carried forward from 8th November 2017</p> <p>3.1.5. Carried forward</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 10th January 2018</p> <p>11.3. Carried forward</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 28th March 2018</p> <p>10.2 Carried forward</p> <p>10.5 Completed</p> <p>10.6 Completed</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 9th October 2018</p> <p>5.2 Completed.</p> <p>6.2 Carried Forward</p> <p>6.3 Carried Forward</p> <p>8.1 Complete</p> <p>8.2 Complete</p> <p>8.3 Meade measured for cover, awaiting manufacture - Carried Forward</p> <p>11.1 Carried Over</p> <p>11.2 Complete</p> <p>11.3 Complete</p>	<p>NG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>PS</p> <p>NG</p>
4	<p>Treasurer Update</p> <p>4.1 SA reported that the Ayton Village Hall hourly rate has increased to £9 per hour from January 2019</p> <p>4.2 The balance of the Society' account is £8926 including £488.50 membership with £54 for 2 months VH to pay, leaving 8872.</p> <p>4.3 SA reports a discrepancy in membership numbers vs payments received. NG to check membership forms and amend where incorrect or contact any unpaid members.</p> <p>Treasurers report attached.</p>	
5	<p>Dalby Astronomy Centre</p> <p>5.1 Simon Butcher has approached asking to work closer together with SARAS. NG to make contact and see what SB has in mind.</p> <p>5.2 NG suggest familiarisation sessions at Dalby for the 2 observatory scopes for members who have never used them before. NG to email membership for interest and arrange dates</p> <p>5.3 Resurrection of Summer solar observing sessions proposed. NG to arrange dates.</p> <p>5.4 Decision made to sell the Muskatov Newtonian as currently unable to be</p>	<p>NG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>NG</p>

	used without purchasing a heavy-duty mount such as an EQ8. NG to research pricing.	NG
	5.5 Decision made to sell 16" Meade Lightbridge due to impracticality of storage and use by the society. NG to research pricing	NG
6	StarFest 2019 6.1 NG reports StarFest registrations are open and a nightly rate has been implemented in order to hopefully attract members who otherwise would not attend either as they lived close by or didn't want to camp.	
7.	National Parks: Ravenscar 7.1 HW confirms the event is receiving bookings and will go ahead 7.2 HW to email membership who have offered assistance to confirm numbers.	HW
8.	Dalby Explorer Day 8.1 NG reports SARAS have been invited to attended Dalby Explorer Day once again on Sun 7 th July with the theme being 100 years of change. NG proposes highlighting advances with telescopes(the dobsonian mount etc) as well as changes in scientific thinking (Canals on Mars, Forests on Venus, discovery of Pluto and then demotion etc)	NG
9.	Equipment Purchases 9.1 NG proposes the society purchase a Coronado PST solar telescope as they are used often at summer events such as Ayton Gala and Dalby Explorer Day and previously members have lent theirs. HW proposes pricing a higher spec/larger aperture than a Coronado PST. Purchase would utilise funds obtained from sale of scopes mentioned in 5.4 & 5.5 NG to obtain prices.	NG
10.	Ayton Talks 10.1 Due to the high chance of weather affecting travelling, January's meeting each year will be an internal event, either a talk or practical session, September each year will be kept as the Introduction to Astronomy night. 10.2 PS to start arranging speakers for 2019/2020 season	PS
11.	AOB 11.1 NG reports Derwent Valley Cubs have requested a revisit. HW offers to attend with JH – arrangements to be made 11.2 HW queries if any arrangements had been made following a request from a school regarding 50 th Anniversary of Apollo 11 landing. NG to make contact with school to see what they were wanting to do	NG/HW NG
12.	Date of next meeting 12.1 Date and venue of the next meeting is Tuesday 2 nd April 2019, 7:30 pm at the home of PS.	
	Meeting closed at 9.40pm	