



Scarborough & Ryedale Astronomical Society

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 23rd July, 2020, 7.30pm

Conducted Via ZOOM

In attendance:	Neil Graham (Secretary & Treasurer)	Phil Scaling	
	Howard Watson	Mark Tissington	

Agenda Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>1.1 NG welcomed everyone to the meeting.</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 3rd July 2017</p> <p>7.3 Carried Over - NG still trying to source appropriate bolts.</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 10th January 2018</p> <p>11.3. Carried forward</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 15th February 2019</p> <p>5.1 – Carried over - NG reports meeting with SB to be arranged when both parties available.</p>	<p>MT/NG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>NG</p>

	<p>5.5 MT has reviewed the Meade and it has minor corrosion to the secondary mirror. If the intention is to sell, then this would need to be taken into account and either sent for repair or reduce price accordingly.</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 17th July 2019</p> <p>10.3 Carried over – NG to draft</p> <p>10.5 Complete</p> <p>Actions carried forward from 15th October 2019</p> <p>7.1 Carried over – No update</p> <p>7.2 Carried over – No update</p> <p>7.3 HW reports event was a success.</p> <p>7.4 Carried over – No update</p>	MT/NG
4	<p>Treasurer Update</p> <p>4.1 The balance of the Society' account is £ 9523.</p> <p>4.2 NG reports that approximately £750 of StarFest registration fees were collected prior to cancellation of the event.</p>	
5	<p>Dalby Astronomy Centre</p> <p>5.1 Public Nights – NG proposes that October and November 2020 Dalby Public Nights are cancelled due to impracticability of running a safe event with distancing – Agreed</p> <p>5.2 Public Nights – NG proposes February & March 2021 are left to go ahead as planned and will be cancelled should lockdown/distancing still be in effect. - Agreed</p>	NG
6	<p>StarFest 2020</p> <p>6.1 NG had written refund cheques to all registrants and HW had countersigned. Prior to posting it was discovered HW was no longer a registered signatory and cheques would be invalid. Cheques to be voided and NG & MT to re-sign new cheques.</p>	NG/MT

7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>7.1 Jonathan Mortimer expressed interest in joining the Committee as an ordinary member, due to postponement of the AGM. Committee unanimously agreed to co-opt JM to the committee immediately.</p> <p>7.2 NG raises membership renewals and thoughts on options. HW proposes reduced rate for 2020/201 season due to reduced programme due to COVID-19. Committee agree that rather than a reduced rate, all current memberships be extended until July 2021 at no cost.</p> <p>7.3: NG reports Ayton Village Hall is set to re-open in September 2020 but no information on restrictions or processes. MT proposes Ganton Village Hall as an alternative venue if Ayton's restrictions cause issues.</p> <p>7.4 PS reports Neil Haggath, who was scheduled to speak at Ayton in March, has offered to give a virtual talk via Zoom. Committee to trial Zoom meetings for viability. PS to contact NH to check availability.</p> <p>7.5 NG proposes conducting an AGM via Zoom in August 2020 as minutes can be distributed to all members and invites sent in advance. A monthly subscription would be required at a cost of 11.99 per month but can be cancelled any time when not required – Agreed – MT to investigate Zoo Features, NG to arrange subscription.</p> <p>7.6 NG proposes to cancel Xmas Meal due to likelihood of 2nd wave of COVID-19 meaning cancellation and refunds – Agreed</p> <p>7.7 HW proposes trying virtual public meetings – MT & HW to investigate adding voiceovers to existing presentations.</p> <p>7.8 HW proposes broadcasting virtual public nights via Zoom in lieu of cancelled October/November Dalby events. NG/HW to investigate which of the cameras the society owns would be the best for broadcasting images from the telescopes in the observatories. NG to contact SB at Dalby to enquire about getting access to their WiFi.</p> <p>7.9 HW reports he has re-contacted Filey School to offer the talk previously planned for earlier in the year when schools re-open and COVID restrictions lifted.</p> <p>7.10 Following report by MT on the condition of the Meade 16" telescope, NG proposes to sell the telescope as unsuitable for use at Dalby currently. NG to contact local astro societies to see if they are interested.</p>	<p>NG</p> <p>PS</p> <p>NG/MT</p> <p>HW/MT</p> <p>NG/HW</p> <p>HW</p>
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8	Date of next meeting 8.1 Date and venue of the next meeting TBC	
	Meeting closed at 8:30pm	