

Cleveland and Darlington Astronomical Society
Minutes of Committee Meeting on Wednesday 6, April 2011
Held at the Visitor Centre, Wynyard Woodland Park, at 7pm

Present were Barry Hetherington in the Chair, Julia Goudge, Sue Barnes, Rod Cuff, Ed Restall, Dave Lewis, Don Martin and Alex Menarry. Apologies from Neil Haggath and Jürgen Schmoll.

1. Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:05.

2. Actions from last Committee Meeting, Thursday 10 March 2011

All have been cleared or are on the Agenda for the present meeting.

3. Adoption of Minutes of recent ordinary meetings

The Minutes of the meeting on 11/03/2011 were accepted as a true record.

4. Future of the Planetarium

Ed reported that the current situation was that he would continue in a new role as Planetarium Co-ordinator. This would be reviewed in a few months' time but is expected to continue for the next year. It will now be necessary to charge the Society for the use of the Planetarium at £30 per evening. Photocopying facilities and storage of equipment will continue as before.

5. Multi-signature bank account

The forms for the new, two-from-four-signatures account have now been completed and passed to Yorkshire Bank for processing. It is expected that the account will be accessible under the new arrangements in a few days.

6. Review of CaDAS website

Don had been invited to attend the meeting for this discussion. He explained that the security of the website was always a concern and that he had implemented lots of special protection measures. When asked about the number of hits on the site, he replied that it always went up after the publication of *Transit* – from places all over the world! There had been 13,307 hits in the last year. Several updates were suggested by Sue. It was also suggested that a membership application form be added to the site, so that prospective members can download it and send it to the Treasurer. After some further review suggestions, all Committee members were actioned to look at the site and make suggestions for updating to Don. Action: All Committee members.

It was also pointed out that Neil's Information Pack to new members could also be updated with advantage and this was included in the above action.

7 Roll of Honour

Ian had now produced a laminated version for hanging in the Planetarium. It would be delivered to Alex when Ian returns from holiday.

8. AOB

i) Julia gave notice of two meetings of interest to members. One was a lecture by John McCue at the Arc, Stockton-on-Tees, on Tuesday 19 April. The other was a visit and talk by Colonel Al Worden of Apollo 15 at Glasgow Caledonian University at 7:30pm on Friday 20 May, with a dinner plus drinks reception and dance at 7pm–1am at Glasgow Marriott Hotel, cost £50. Detailed information is available at www.walkwithdestiny.com or e-mail info@walkwithdestiny.com .

ii) Postal *Transits*. Alex will review the list again, following information from Sue that three people on the list have not renewed their membership. It was agreed that postal *Transits* would only continue to the AGM date for those members who do not renew their membership on time. A note will be sent accordingly. Ed informed members that Dave Blenkinsop had been in hospital recently and the inclusion of a get-well card would be appropriate. Action: Alex.

iii) Ed reminded the meeting that a CaDAS representative is still needed for the Wynyard Woodland Park Environmental Trust.

10. Date and time of next meeting

The next Committee meeting was provisionally set at Monday 4 July at 7pm in the Visitor Centre at WWP.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:15.

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