

**Cleveland and Darlington Astronomical Society**  
**Minutes of committee meeting held on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 19:30.**  
**Venue: 50 Garmondsway Road, West Cornforth, Ferryhill, DL17 9HD**

**Present: Jürgen Schmoll in the Chair (JS), Julia Goudge (JG), Sue Barnes (SB), Simon Gotch (SG), Peter Hanna (PH), David Lewis (DL), Ian Riach (IR)**

**Apologies: Neil Haggath (NH), Keith Johnson (KG), Jon Matthieson (JM)**

**Start 19:34**

**1. Review of the previous minutes August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The minutes have been read out by the chairman and they were unanimously accepted.

**2. Treasurer's report**

SB reported a balance of £3523.04 (from £3908.53 last committee meeting). This is about £200 up from last year. £180 spent on speaker expenses (£280 for full year), £330 rent to TASC. JS announced he sorted out the e-business bank registration.

**3. Situation of speakers and meeting format**

No change of the existing situation, with all slots taken.

**4. Membership activities**

- Yorkshire Astromind  
This competition now came to an end due to lack of attendants.
- TWT quiz: The pub quiz style event was held on October 07 but the attendance was low. It was decided to end this quiz due to lack of interest.
- The Tuesday night observing at the planetarium events have been announced to the membership.
- Dark sky run at the Cote Ghyll YHA: Attending with telescopes, Feb 18 as requested by Pat Duggan. We need to clarify the details of the event. Post code is DL6 3AH. CaDAS telescopes are insured and there is PLI in place. CaDAS could provide the 8" Meade 2080 and the 12" Dobsonian. An email will be sent out to our membership to organise who is going there.  
[Action JG]: Contact JM to organise a membership email.  
[Action SB]: Contact Pat Duggan about us supporting the event.
- Activating telescopes: In the last months, the 14" has been modernised with an EQ8 mount. The Meade 2080 SCT has been refurbished by JS and a 12" Dobsonian donated by Kielder Observatory to TASC has been refurbished and it can be used during CaDAS events as well as long it stays at the planetarium.
- Any more de-clutter of CaDAS equipment? SG suggested to use the list made by PH to check what actually is CaDAS property. Then it can be decided what to dispose of, to sell or to keep.  
[Action PH]: Circulate list around CaDAS committee (actually already on action list)
- Zetland FM radio interviews: JG and SG provided various radio contributions in the last months. After experimentally phoning in JS, this has been adopted as a viable option to avoid travelling for JS. It was also discussed to contact other media as newspapers to announce CaDAS or TASC events.

## **5. TRANSIT magazine**

There is no Transit now out for a long time while it is still mentioned in the constitution or on the web page. Material is difficult to acquire.

IR proposed to replace it by Paul Money's year book. It would cost around £3.50 when a certain amount is bought in (about 15-20?) to distribute to the membership. Alternatively it could be purchased to sell it to members at a reduced rate – the normal price is £7 per issue.

The issue has been discussed and mentioned that at the current membership rate of £12, £3.50 is a considerable amount.

[Action committee]: Remove the Transit mentioning from the constitution on the next AGM.

[Action IR]: Purchase 20 off "Nightscenes 2017" so they can be sold at CaDAS meetings.

[Action SB]: Reimburse IR for the purchase of the Nightscenes 2017.

## **6. Current TASC activities**

Still two shows per month, plus now the free Tuesday night observing slots jointly presented by TASC and CaDAS. No news on the A5 for all a new member may volunteer to help with his electronics knowledge.

## **7. Any other business**

- There should be handouts like leaflets or business cards of CaDAS for handing out during public events.

[Action JG,IR]: Look into cost and organise business cards.

- The telescope loan form has been discussed and approved.

- Members lending telescopes need to be with us for at least one year.

- SB also made a summary of CaDAS talks to be distributed at TASC events.

## 8. Action list

<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
Contact model aircraft club to discuss observing	SG	Closed
Prepare telescope loan form	SB	Closed
Get alternative insurance quotation for CaDAS	PH	Open
Find out Astromind date and inform membership	IM	Closed
Book room for October 07 at the HR pub	DL	Closed
Contact NH to confirm quiz date and inform DAS and the students AS	JS	Closed
Circulate CaDAS asset list within the committee	PH	Open
Discuss interview telephone link with Nick of Zetland FM	SG	Closed
Activate bank access	JM, JS	Open (JS done)
Find a solution to display the TWT trophy at the planetarium	PH, JS	Open
Communicate the security phone number to volunteers and integrate it into volunteer handbook.	PH	Open (TASC?)
Evaluate instruments and test function and portability with the help of other volunteers.	DL, PH	Ongoing
Send SB electronic copy mileage form so this can be converted to a CaDAS claim form in the same format	PH	Open
<b>New actions</b>		
Contact JM to organise a membership email about the Feb18 event.	JG	Open
Contact Pat Duggan about our interest to get involved.	SB	Done
Purchase 20 off “Night Scences 2017”	IR, JS	Open
Reimburse IR for “Night Scences 2017” purchase or do BACS transfer	SB, JS	Open
Look into business card options and purchase cards if economical	JG, IR	Open

End of meeting: 21:30

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