

Cleveland and Darlington Astronomical Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held on Friday, June 12th, 2015 at 19:30
at the Hamilton Russell Pub in Thorpe Thewles

Present were Jürgen Schmoll, Chairman
Neil Haggath, Programme Secretary
Sue Barnes, Treasurer
Julie McBride, General Secretary
Jon Matthieson, Information and Communications Secretary
David Lewis, Instrument Curator
Ian Morris, general member
Ian Riach, general member

and about 20 other members.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:35 and welcomed members to the 2015 AGM, thanked them for their attendance and showed the meeting agenda..

2. Apologies

Malcolm Bannister, Peter Hanna.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2014 AGM

Minutes of the last AGM had been circulated to all members by email. They were formally adopted by a show of hands.

4. Chairman's Report

The chairman summarised the period between the last and the current AGM by a summary of general and committee meetings, the outcome of the member's questionnaire and other developments like the observing group, TRANSIT contributions and the future of the Thomas Wright Trophy contest. The developments at TASC were summarised and a further call for more volunteers was made.

The chairman remembered that two constitution changes have never been formally approved, namely the introduction of a instrument curator (currently post held by David Lewis) and the use of gender neutral formulations throughout the constitution. Both changes were formally voted in unanimously by a show of hands.

Member Andy Fleming who passed away end of May 2015 has been remembered.

5. General Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report has been read out by Julia McBride and accepted by the members. The secretary remembered the various contributions of speakers to the ordinary meetings:

Jun 13: Last AGM (minutes to be read and accepted now)
Followed by social programme

... and after the summer break:

Sep 12: "Future Extremely Large Telescopes", Prof Richard Myers (CfAI Durham)

Oct 10: "The Decay of the Universe", Prof Ruth Gregory (Durham Uni)

Nov 14: "Atmospheric Optics", Dave Newton (SAS)

Dec 12: "X-Raying the Universe", Dr Tim Roberts (Durham Uni)

Jan 09: "Your First Telescope", Jürgen Schmoll (CaDAS chairman)

Feb 13: "What's up ?" planetarium show, Peter Hanna & Jürgen Schmoll (CaDAS)

Mar 13: "SALT HRS commissioning", Jürgen Schmoll (having the CfAI hat on)

Apr 10: "One Small Step: A celebration of Apollo", Neil Haggath (CaDAS)

May 08: "Images of the Universe Vol 1", Paul Money, (FRAS FBIS)

Jun 12: Current AGM ...

6. Treasurer's Report and Financial statement

Due to a technical problem the report could not be shown on the computer but it has been read out by Sue Barnes.

The membership numbers are 59 adults and 19 families (53 individuals) bringing the total number to 112. This does not include the honorary members.

Sue Barnes summarized the current financial situation of CaDAS:

Profit and Loss Account for the Period Ending 31st December 2014

Expenditure		Income	
FAS Membership	48.00	Subscriptions	733.00
Speakers Expenses	80.00	Entrance Fees	111.00
Website	86.26	Donation	12.00
Postage	8.68		
Retirement Gift (Secretary)	20.00		
Social Night	79.53		
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	856.00		856.00
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Profit for Year	533.53		

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2014

Opening Bank Balance	3166.79	Closing Bank Balance	3200.32
Less Balance for TASC	500.00		

	2666.79		
ADD Profit on the Year	533.53		
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	3200.32		3200.32
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Monies Held on Behalf of TASC

Expenses	80.38	Opening Balance	500.00
Cash for float	50.00	Donation from WWPET	332.38
Survey Fee	300.00	Donation from WWPET	209.13
Stationary	21.57		
Balance to TASC	589.56		
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	1041.51		1041.51
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Note: The Society has a number of astronomy related assets which for accounting purposes have a zero value. Any disposal of assets for cash will be treated as a donation to the Society

7. Election of Officers

Elections were required for the two resigning general members Ian Morris and Malcolm Bannister.

The result of the votings are:

Chairman:	Jürgen Schmoll re-elected unopposed
Treasurer:	Sue Barnes re-elected unopposed
Programme Secretary:	Neil Haggath re-elected unopposed
Information and Communications Secretary:	Jon Mathieson re-elected unopposed
General Secretary:	Julia McBride re-elected unopposed.
General Members:	Peter Hanna re-elected unopposed. Ian Riach re-elected unopposed. Keith Johnson elected unopposed. Simon Gotch elected unopposed.

8. Membership Fees

The membership fees remain unchanged.

9. Any Other Business

Neill Haggath informed the members about his preparation for the new Thomas Wright Trophy quiz format. The quiz will be hosted by Durham A.S. on October 23, 2015 in their new venue, the Botanical Garden Centre in Durham City.

10 Chairman's Closing Remarks and Closure of Annual General meeting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the AGM at 20:28. The AGM was followed by a social event for the membership.

signed General Secretary

..... Chairman

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