

Cleveland and Darlington Astronomical Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held on Friday, June 10th, 2016 at 19:30
at the Wynyard Park Planetarium

Present were Jürgen Schmoll, Chairman
Neil Haggath, Programme Secretary
Julia Goudge, General Secretary
David Lewis, Instrument Curator
Simon Gotch, general member
Peter Hanna, general member

and about 12 CaDAS members.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:35 and welcomed members to the 2016 AGM, thanked them for their attendance and showed the meeting agenda..

2. Apologies

Sue Barnes, Jon Matthieson, Keith Johnson and Ian Riach from the committee.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2015 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, highlighting the subjects discussed on the three committee meetings and the developments at TASC. He mentioned the motivation of getting CaDAS members more involved into practical astronomy, which includes to make the various telescopes at the planetarium available to use after meetings or in other nights.

5. General Secretary's Report

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

6. Treasurer's Report and Financial statement

Sue Barnes produced a report before the meeting and it has been read out by Julia Goudge:

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2015 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2015 Opening Balance			3200.32
Room Hire TASC	330.00		
Speaker Expenses	120.00		
Membership fee FAS	56.00		
Website Hosting	86.26		
Travel expenses	60.00		
Social Night	262.67		
Refund overpayment subs	12.00		
Total Expenditure	926.93		
Subscriptions collected 2015		912.00	
Entry Fees		83.00	
Donation		3.00	
Total Income		998.00	
2015 Closing Balance			3271.39
Increase for year			71.07

7. Election of Officers

There was no committee member intending to step down or getting involved with any particular function other than the current one. Furthermore there was nobody candidating for any position, so the votings were held by a show of hands:

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, accepted by a show of hands, as the financial situation of CaDAS is stable.

9. Any Other Business

The participation in astronomy quizzes was discussed, namely in the new version of the Thomas Wright Trophy quiz (organised by Neil Haggath in a pub-quiz style) and the annual Yorkshire Astromind competition where CaDAS got invited to join. In 2015 Jürgen Schmoll participated on short notice, but the candidate should be selected by CaDAS in particular if more than one volunteers for it. Supporting the candidate by paying for the travel expenses was discussed and it was decided to keep this for now but review it in a year time.

Teresa Threadgall asked about the current member numbers which the secretary confirmed to be about 85.

The chairman mentioned the ongoing effort with the planetarium and that TASC is now funding a new Skywatcher EQ8 Synscan mount for the observatory, replacing the less reliable fork mount. He also mentioned that several assets need a good home to create more space inside the planetarium, namely the POSS star chart collection.

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

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the AGM at 20:40. The AGM was followed by a social get-together for the membership. During this, one member came forward volunteering to keep the POSS plate collection accessible at his home.

signed General Secretary

..... Chairman

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