

**Cleveland and Darlington Astronomical Society**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**Held on Friday, June 9th, 2016 at 19:30**  
**at the Wynyard Park Planetarium**

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

from the committee and about XX 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**

Jon Matthieson, Ian Riach

**3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM**

Minutes of the last AGM had been circulated to all members by email. They were formally adopted by a show of hands after a short walk-through by the chairman.

**4. Chairman's Report**

The chairman summarised the period between the last and the current AGM, highlighting the subjects discussed on the two committee meetings and the developments at TASC that are closely linked to CaDAS. It has been a rather quiet year.

**5. General Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report has been read out by Julia Goudge and accepted by the members. There was a short discussion about membership numbers, currently in the 70s while being over 100 in peak times years ago.

## **6. Treasurer's Report and Financial statement**

Sue Barnes presented her financial summary for the year:

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#### **2016 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
<b>2016 Opening Balance</b>			<b>3271.39</b>
Room Hire TASC		330.00	
Speaker Expenses	280.00		
Membership fee FAS	58.00		
Website Hosting	86.26		
Travel expenses	30.00		
Social Night	19.59		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>803.85</b>		
Subscriptions collected 2016		950.00	
Entry Fees		105.50	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1055.50</b>	
<b>2016 Closing Balance</b>			<b>3523.04</b>
<b>Increase for year</b>			<b>251.65</b>

## **7. TRANSIT: Constitution change proposal**

The current constitution is worded in a way that the communication secretary “shall” produce the Transit magazine. As Transit is currently not produced, it was suggested to remove this sentence off the constitution. Jonathan Roberts suggested to keep the sentence but change “shall” to “may”, leaving both options open (either producing Transit or not). This solution has been voted for unanimously by a show of hands.

**8. 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 Goudge re-elected unopposed.
- General Members: Peter Hanna re-elected unopposed.  
 Ian Riach re-elected unopposed.  
 Keith Johnson elected unopposed.  
 Simon Gotch elected unopposed.

**9. Membership Fees**

The membership fees remain unchanged, accepted by a show of hands, as the financial situation of CaDAS is stable. There was a discussion about including the annual yearbook “Nightscenes” of Paul Money into the subscriptions. It was decided to rather have a bulk order every start of the year for interested members. One suggestion of a “starter pack” for new members which could include a planisphere was left for further discussion by the committee.

**10. Any Other Business**

There was no other business discussed.

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

The chairman closed the AGM at 20:20 BST.

signed ..... General Secretary  
 ..... Chairman

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