

## Cleveland and Darlington Astronomical Society

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday, June 8th, 2018 at 19:30 at Wynyard Planetarium

Present committee members:

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

and 18 CaDAS members.

#### **1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:35 and welcomed members to the AGM 2018, thanked them for their attendance and showed the meeting agenda..

#### **2. Apologies**

Jon Matthieson, Simon Gotch

#### **3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM**

The minutes of the last AGM, held on 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2017, had been circulated to all members by email before the current AGM. They were formally adopted by a show of hands after a short walk-through by the chairman.

#### **4. Chairman's Report including Secretary's Report**

The chairman summarised the period between the last and the current AGM, highlighting the subjects discussed on the two committee meetings held on 2017 Nov 22 and 2018 May 06. The developments at TASC that are closely linked to CaDAS were described. It has been a rather quiet year which has seen the death of the honorary president Jack Youdale who got remembered. The membership numbers were presented in graphs that show that after an increase in members around 2011 the membership numbers are falling now. This could probably be linked to the "Stargazing Live Effect", but also to the fact that the door fees for non-members are relatively low in comparison to the annual membership fee.

## **5. Treasurer's Report and financial statement**

Sue Barnes presented the current figures. The end balance is lower than the balance at the beginning of the season as an equatorial mount has been purchased. The purchase of the solar telescope is not included yet as it happened at a later date and will be considered in the next financial statement.

### **CLEVELAND & DARLINGTON ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**

#### **2017 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
<b>2017 Opening Balance</b>			<b>3523.04</b>
Room Hire TASC	330.00		
Speaker Expenses (2 uncashed cheques excluded)	93.10		
Membership fee FAS	58.00		
Website Hosting	86.26		
Travel expenses	75.00		
Purchase of Nightscenes books	179.50		
Purchase of telescope mount	400.00		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1221.86</b>		
Subscriptions collected 2017		764.00	
Entry Fees		83.50	
Donations		40.00	
Sale of books		117.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1004.50</b>	
<b>2017 Closing Balance</b>			<b>3305.68</b>
<b>Deficit for year</b>			<b>217.36</b>

## **6. Subscriptions and door fees**

As the adult annual subscription was £12 and the door fee only £2/£1.50, it was proposed to raise the latter to £3 for adults and £2 for children. This proposal was accepted by the membership unanimously. The membership fees remain unchanged.

**7. Election of Officers**

There was nobody applying for any position, so the referendum was 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.  
Keith Johnson elected unopposed.  
Simon Gotch elected unopposed.

The replacement position for Ian Riach who stepped down in November 2017 remained open as no eligible member came forward for this position.

**8. Any Other Business**

There was the proposal of Neil Haggath to name the observatory after the late honorary president Jack Youdale. A vote by show of hands revealed that the membership accepted this proposal unanimously. Alternatives for the case SBC would not allow such a move were discussed, as a plaque or a lecture in Jack’s name.

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

The chairman closed the AGM at 20:10 BST.

signed ..... General Secretary

..... Chairman

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