

Cleveland and Darlington Astronomical Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday, June 14th, 2019 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 9 CaDAS members.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:35 and welcomed members to the AGM 2019, thanked them for their attendance and showed the meeting agenda..

2. Apologies

Jon Matthieson

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM

The minutes of the last AGM, held on 8th of June 2018, 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.

Proposed by Neil Haggath, seconded by Julia Goudge.

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 held on 2019 Jan 28 and 2019 May 09. The developments at TASC that are closely linked to CaDAS were mentioned. The membership numbers were presented in graphs that show that after an increase in members around 2011 the membership number is currently falling. This could probably be linked to the “Stargazing Live Effect”, but also be a general problem of clubs in an increasingly internet dominated society.

5. Secretary's Report

Julia Goudge summarised the presentations given over the last year during the ordinary CaDAS meetings.

6. Treasurer's Report and financial statement

Sue Barnes presented the current figures. The end balance is way lower than the balance at the beginning of the season, reflecting the purchase of the solar telescope.

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2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2018 Opening Balance			3305.68
Room Hire TASC	330.00		
Speaker Expenses (2 uncashed cheques excluded)	116.00		
Membership fee FAS	58.00		
Website Hosting	86.26		
Travel expenses	25.00		
Misc. exp. (stationary)	12.78		
Purchase of solar telescope	1699.00		
Total Expenditure	2327.04		
Subscriptions collected 2018		573.00	
Entry Fees		95.00	
Donations		60.00	
Total Income		728.00	
2018 Closing Balance			1706.64
Deficit for year			1599.04

Proposed by Jürgen Schmoll, seconded by Teresa Threadgall.

7. Election of Officers

Keith Johnson and Simon Gotch decided not to stand again for the committee. In addition to that, David Lewis retired during the last year from his role as instrument curator, which was taken over by Peter Hanna. Teresa Threadgall had been approached during the year to become a committee member, which she agreed to. During the AGM Averil Tuckett (proposed by Jonathan Roberts, seconded by Teresa Threadgall), Alan Kennedy (proposed by George Gargett, seconded by John Gargett) and John Tuckett (proposed by Jürgen Schmoll, seconded by Teresa Threadgall) volunteered for becoming members of the committee. A 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 elected unopposed.
Teresa Threadgall elected unopposed.
Averil Tuckett elected unopposed
Alan Kennedy elected unopposed
John Tuckett elected unopposed

It was noted that Peter Hanna is not really a “general member” any more with his new, specific function of instrument curator. This was noted to be clarified at the next committee meeting, as the instrument curator post historically has never been officially part of the committee.

8. Any Other Business

There was a suggestion of member David Graham about doing an internal moderated Facebook page for the members. It was decided to discuss this further on the next committee meeting.

Alan Kennedy reported experiences with bringing local societies together on the Durham AS Facebook page to foster the links between the northern astronomical societies.

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

The chairman closed the AGM at 20:23 BST.

signed General Secretary

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