
Wednesday 14th June 2023

Present:- Mike Kirkham (MK) Chair, Peter Corbett (PC), Nigel Bond (NB), Lillas Haye (LHe), Nigel Osborne (NO), Linda Harper (LH) Secretary.

1. Welcome and apologies

MK welcomed all

Noted apologies received from Joan Brame, Lloyd Hughes and Peter Bruce

2. Previous Minutes

Agreed as accurate account. Can be posted on website.

3. Actions

MK to make enquiries re visit to Greenwich. - No further update. Ongoing

NO to update Inventory and Catalogue of Equipment. (PC advised that there is asset sheet in dropbox). Ongoing

MK is finalising updated policies and procedures, will then circulate. Ongoing

Membership of Astronomy Organisations, MK has asked PC to take this forward.

Ongoing

4. Finance

PC updated meeting. Currently £1586 in account. £800 income from Spring Fayre.

Outgoings to come include rent for second half of year plus fees for future speakers. Also need to purchase HTMI adaptor/splitter.

Financial year ends 31st July. Query whether James Dale still happy to act as scrutineer for accounts, PC will contact him.

Financial Update - 12th June 2023

General Account: £1,783.90

- Balance Last Update (13/04/2023): £890.73
 - Outgoings
 - o Hawstead Hall Hire (19/10, 2/11 & 9/11): £108.00-
 - o Email Addresses x 3 (Mark Proctor): £23.98-
 - o AAA Video - Facebook advertising run (Peter Bruce): £14.95-
 - o HDMI Cable 5m (Peter Corbett): £9.19-
 - Income
 - o BSE BIDCO Spring Fayre: £800.00
 - o Membership (2 x £25.00): £50.00
 - o Membership (2 x £15.00): £30.00
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- Membership (3 x £12.00): £36.00
- Membership (1 x £11.00): £11.00
- Mildenhall Museum Talk (Lloyd Hughes): £40.00
- Coffee Pot: £82.29

Cash: £46.26

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Liabilities: £244.00 -

- Wepstead Hall Hire (July – Dec. 2023): £244.00-

Total: £1,586.16

Coffee Pot

- Balance Last Update (13/04/2023): £88.74
- Takings: £61.60
- Hall Heating: £3.00-
- Re-stock: £8.79-
- Guests: £26.00
- Speaker Fee (Matt Bothwell): £50.00-
- Spring Fayre Donation: £10.00
- Spring Fayre Badge Sales: £4.00
- Bank: £82.29-

5. Members Programme

NB updated meeting and circulated new programme which is mainly complete up until December 2023, still a few vacancies for presenters, however a couple of members have offered to give presentations.

NB will send updates to Mark P for website.

E-mail to be sent out to members advising of change of day for November meeting when visit to Breckland Observatory arranged. Will be followed up nearer the time via 'whats app' (LH)

NB to explore possibility of booking Chris Lintoff from Oxford Uni for a talk/presentation, looking towards next year, need to know cost/ expenses etc. PC to send contact details to NB (NB)

6. Resources

Need more flyers printed, gave out 250 at Spring Fayre. Possibly add QR code on and space to be able to write date of next meeting when handing out.

Laser pointers, NO to pass on details to PC to purchase on AAA card. Agreed to order one to check how good they are.

7. AOB

NB raised the question as to whether or not the name of association still appropriate, as we no longer have any connection to Athenaeum. Maybe at some time should change to such as BSE Astronomy or West Suffolk Astronomy.

Noted that representative from St Benedicts School visited stand at Spring Fayre, indicated that they would be keen to re-establish contact with AAA. MK to send e-mail to gather more information. (MK)

AGM to be discussed at next meeting, how can it be made more interesting for members and encourage attendance.

Committee Meeting Dates for 2023

Wednesday 14th June
23rd August
18th October

No meeting in December.

2024 (provisional dates)

Wednesday 10th January
13th March
8th May
10th July
11th September
13th November

Action Plan			
Page/Item	Action	Action by	Status
11/1/23 P3	MK to look into cost of visit to Greenwich later in 2023	MK	Ongoing
11/1/23 P3	NO to update Inventory and Catalogue of Equipment.	NO	Ongoing
8/3/23 P1	MK to circulate revised policys, procedures and draft new constitution to committee members	MK	Ongoing
8/3/23 P3	MK to check what benefits other Astronomy Associations offer to members. RAS, BAA	PC	Ongoing
14/6/23 P2	LH to email members to advise of change of day for November meeting	LH	New
14/6/23 P2	NB to look into possibility of booking Chris Lintoff, costs/availability etc	NB	New
14/6/23 P2	MK to send e-mail to representative at St Benedicts School to follow up contact from Spring Fayre	MK	New

