
Wednesday 23rd August 2023

Present:- Mike Kirkham (MK) Chair, Nigel Bond (NB), Lillas Haye (LHe), Nigel Osborne (NO), Peter Bruce (PB), Lloyd Hughes (LHu) notetaker.

1. Welcome and apologies

MK welcomed all

Noted apologies received from Peter Corbett and Linda Harper

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, possibly schedule for 2024. 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, will be ready for website by 1st September. Ongoing

Membership of Astronomy Organisations, PC has done work on this, 1st choice is FAS.

Agreed that we will rejoin this organisation. Completed

PC to send contact details for Chris Lintott to NB. Ongoing

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) Complete

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)

4. Finance

There were no questions raised re finance, all appears to be healthy

Question from PC – Are the financial returns worth the money paid out to Facebook advertising? This would be looked into, initially could LH be asked to interrogate records of numbers attending meetings and used as a comparison with other years.

Also ask PC how many members are officially recorded vis a vis how many attend meetings

Financial Update - 20th August 2023

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General Account: £1,365.97

- Balance Last Update (12/06/2023): £1,783.90
- Outgoings
 - o Whepstead Hall Hire (July – Dec. 2023): £244.00-
 - o Speaker Fee (Keith Townsend): £100.00-
 - o Speaker Fee – Martin Hardcastle (Nigel Bond): £30.00-
 - o AAA Domain Name for 2 years (Mark Proctor): £29.99-
 - o Aurora Talk - Facebook Advertising (Peter Bruce): £13.94-
- Income
 - o (none)

Cash: £42.42

- Coffee Pot: £40.42 (see below)
- Membership (1 x £2.00): £2.00

Liabilities: £12.68-

- Pipestation USB Hub (Peter Corbet): £3.69-
- QUI Presentation Clicker (Peter Corbett): £8.99-

Total: £1,395.71

Coffee Pot

- Balance Last Update (12/06/2023): £46.26
- Takings: £46.50
- Re-stock: £15.84-
- Mini Tool Kit (Nigel Osborne): £6.50-
- Guests: £30.00
- Speaker Fee (Andrew Green): £60.00-

5. Members programme

NB noted there were several dates to fill this autumn.

27th September AGM. NB to organise.

Several ideas discussed for future events including asking Paul for a presentation of photographs.

6. Events

MK - Lackford Lakes 27 28 October. 17 30 – 20 00 MK to ask LH to find exact details of format planned/ understand their expectations. NO is willing to volunteer but we need more than one person.

7. Resources

MK – Resources. Laser Pointers. NO will email PC re these.

7. AOB

AGM - 27 Sept. LH to distribute details. Formal Business, annual report MK /Stellarium demo/ video and fun quiz from PB

Members are asked to let MK know if committee members wish to resign/stay on.

Provision of hot drinks nibbles or “nice” biscuits gratis.

NO – news re container. MK stated there had been no further developments.

PC to action:

Rejoin FAS

Notify Di (secretary Wepstead CC) of cancellation of hall booking for Wednesday 8th November due to visit at Breckland Observatory on Tuesday 7th.

Ask Mark P to update website re above visit.

PC will also be sending out reminder e-mail to all members re Subscriptions, new year starts 1/9/23.

Fee to remain same as current year. Noted currently 44 paid up members.

Committee Meeting Dates for 2023

Wednesday 18th October

No meeting in December.

2024 (provisional dates)

Wednesday 10th January

20th March

15th May

10th July

18^h September

13th November

Action Plan			
Page/Item	Action	Action by	Status
11/1/23 P3	MK to look into cost of visit to Greenwich possibly schedule for 2024	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	Complete
14/6/23 P2	LH to email members to advise of change of day for November meeting	LH	Complete
14/6/23 P2	NB to look into possibility of booking Chris Lintoff, costs/availability etc	NB	Ongoing

14/6/23 P2	MK to send e-mail to representative at St Benedicts School to follow up contact from Spring Fayre	MK	Ongoing
23/8/23 P2	LH to look at number of members attending meetings 22/23	LH	New