

The Athenaeum

Astronomy Association (AAA)

Annual General Meeting

held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 27th September 2023
Whepstead Community Centre, Bury Road, Whepstead IP29 4TA

Members Present:-

Mike Kirkham	Linda Harper	Joan Brame	Nigel Osborne	Nigel Bond
Lilias Haye	Peter Bruce	Lloyd Hughes	Russell Robinson	David Carter
Leslie Foster	Jeff Pyne	Stephen Recaldin	Paul Foreman	Steve Richards
Chris Hale	Michael Wright	Ellen Taylor	Stewart James	Chris Cordy
Andy Parrett	David Naylor	Colin Paton	Chris King	

1. Chairman's welcome/Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Noted apologies received from Peter Corbett, Liz Harlaar, Phil Leigh, Richard Young, Sam Newton and Andrew.

3. Minutes of previous AGM held 22nd September 2022

Noted that action from last AGM in restarting Star Partys not yet taken place, as it was felt by committee that getting membership numbers stable should take priority before committing to undertaking these events.

4. Presentation of Chairmans Annual Report

The Chairman presented his Report. In it he referenced the increased membership numbers post covid has meant that the cost of membership has been kept the same. He also referenced the members programme, outreach, guest speakers and visits. He also made mention of our continuing good relationship with the committee of Whepstead Community Centre.

(Chairmans report will be available in full on the website)

5. Presentation of Accounts (Chairman)

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In the absence of the treasurer, the Chairman reported on the accounts.

Although we are not required to have the accounts audited it is felt that they should be formally scrutinized and to this end James Dale has done so.

We are in a good financial situation compared with last year which will hold us in good stead going forward especially with a view to purchasing a storage shipping container.

Special thanks to Joan Brame for her organising of refreshments at meetings.

A copy of the financial summary will be available for members on the website or can be made available if any member wishes.

6. Election of Officers and Committee to the AAA

All Officers and members of the Committee had previously indicated that they were happy to stand for re-election and there being no new proposals put forward for any of the roles the Chairman asked for proposer and seconder for the positions of Chairman:

Mike Kirkham, Treasurer- Peter Corbett and Secretary – Linda Harper

Paul Foreman – proposer, seconded by David Carter

All 3 duly elected.

Other committee members Joan Brame, Nigel Bond, Nigel Osborne, Lloyd Hughes, Peter Bruce and Lillias Haye.

7. Proposals to be put to the AGM

The Constitution of the Athenaeum Astronomy Association has been reviewed, revised and updated. A copy of this revised document had been circulated to members prior to meeting.

It was put to members for a vote to adopt new revised constitution – majority in favour. Duly signed and dated by Mike Kirkham, Linda Harper and Chris Hale (on behalf of membership)

8.A.O.B

There was no other business

9. Closing remarks

The Chairman formally brought the meeting to a close, with all business having been concluded.

He thanked all for attending, we now have 40+ members and hope that this continues to increase, we have a varied members programme to appeal to all levels of knowledge provided by guest speakers and the AAA members themselves. We will also continue with outreach work such as Spring Fayre.

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