



Minutes of the East Riding Astronomers Annual General Meeting Held at Woodmansey village hall on Monday 6th May 2024

PRESENT:

'Members' at the meeting Chris Eagleton, Helen Marshall, Phil Myers, Lee Cooper, Gottfried Steigmann, Penny Farey, Mick Farey, Sue Rose, Anita Jay, Leigh Tovey, Lorraine Scaife, Mark Robinson, Terry Abbott, Mark Tomlinson.
'Guests' at the meeting.... Christopher Ramsden¹

APOLOGIES: Mark Garratt, Julie Scaife
Meeting started 19:40 BST

1). Chair introduction

See Chair's report for full details². Runs through lots of the events we have participated in and/or run. Gives thanks to the amount of help given by and to... by both officials and other members. Generally encouraged by how we are doing more & growing as a club.

a). Minutes of 2023 accepted as true, no matters arising.

2). Secretary's report

Full report is available on [the website](#) or via Phil Myers. The list of club activities mentioned, edited down to avoid repeating the Chair. Highlights include, it's really nice to see the two new 'quickly deployed' Dobsonian mounted telescopes, thanks to Lee for unwavering hosting of the Zoom meetings & how the band of astrophotographers is growing.

3). Election of Club Officers

1. Secretary: Phil Myers
2. Chair: Chris Eagleton
3. Treasurer: Helen Marshall
4. Supporting roles
 - Observing manager: Mark Tomlinson
 - Welcome officer: Lorraine Scaife
 - Hub manager (container) (incorporating Equipment officer): Lee Cooper
 - Refreshments: Terry Abbott, but aware we're changing the format, to avoid missing observing time.
 - Website: Lee Cooper
 - Others: none suggested.

The above were voted in 'en block', no objections or suggestions for anyone else to stand.

4). Changes to articles of Association

- A: Officers, 5.2: Unanimous, but we only currently have 16 votes & the constitution stipulates 2/3rds of members to agree (18 yes votes required) see footnote³.
- B: Finance, 9.1 to allow all forms of payment. Result same as 4A
- C: Other? None
- D: i). Change annual amount: lots of discussion. Yes to raising to £25
ii). Visitor fee: increase to £4
both to take effect in January 2025

¹ Chris is now a full member.

² All reports (apart from Treasurer's) available on [this webpage](#).

³ Using an online survey of members, sufficient additional votes were received by the 8th May to pass both resolutions (19 votes in favour, no votes against.).



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5). Treasurer's report

Available from the Secretary or Treasurer upon request. Net change in Club's finances (expenditure vs income) for 2023/24 is a loss of £ 12.58

6). Meeting dates

- Move to a different Monday? No
- Emulate York astro Society & have 2 formal meetings a month? No
- We will though make every effort to plan an observing session each month (usually on a Monday), which may be cancelled due to cloud etc.

7). Container update

Full report from Lee or via this link. Summary: two dobsonian mounts built for 6" and 10" Newtonians. New azimuth setting circle and improvements to TS20 base planned.

8). Summer activities to consider

Market Stall

To go ahead, but date yet to agreed.

Mention of holding an open day at Woodmansey hall. Guessing price would be ~£100, To be discussed further by committee.

Meteor showers:

Perseid 13th Aug: Likely to go ahead, nothing firmed up.

Geminid 14th Dec: Same as above. Worth checking the moon phase for both.

Solar observing:

Yes, to be discussed on Zoom. Use Coronado, Prinz projector & white light filters enabled telescopes.

Bright moon observing: (during twilight) Another yes, but nothing firm for who & when.

Star party, evening at Woodmansey to be discussed.

National astronomy week is from Saturday 1st Feb 2025 to Sun 9th.

9). Any other business

Lee asked for more volunteers to help move the TS20 at future meetings.

AGM formally ends 20:45