



Minutes of the East Riding Astronomers Annual General Meeting Held at Woodmansey village hall on Monday 1st May 2023

PRESENT: See meeting register for full attendance. Phill will try to get off Lorraine.

APOLOGIES: Terry Abbott, Julie Scaife, Steve John, Ann John, Mark Garratt
Meeting starts 19:40 BST

1). Chair introduction

Lorraine gives thanks for helping being part of the club & being a supportive lot. Runs through some of the club events and highlights for her; those notes are available.

Lorraine announces she is stepping down as Chair. Feels the time is right, for her and the club. She'll still be within the club & an active member at that.

Chris explains to recent members, the significance of Lorraine's input to the club from its founding days. Gives thanks for the huge asset she has been.

2). Accepting minutes of 2022's AGM

Chris proposed minutes are accepted, Helen seconded. No disagreements or pertinent matters arising.

3). Secretary's report

Full report is freely available. But worth noting the thanks to Lorraine for her time & wisdom over the time of the ERA. Then expressed thanks to all the others giving time and effort to help each other, some obviously visible, quite a lot not.

6). Treasurer's report

Full report available. Current account balance is £1712.45; savings £318.25

4). Election of Club Officers

All those put forward were unanimously elected by those present

Chair: Phil proposed Chris Eagleton, Helen seconds

Secretary: Helen proposes Phil Myers, Lee seconds

Treasurer: Lorraine proposes Helen Marshall, Chris seconds

Supporting roles;

Observing manager: Mark Tomlinson

Welcome officer: Lorraine Scaife assisted by Lee

Hub manager (container) incorporating equipment log : Lee

Refreshments: Terry Abbott

Website: Lee

Proof reader: Sue! 😊

Chris makes mention that he really envisions a short term "chair-ship".

5). Constitution

a. No amendments

b. No change to fees

To keep membership period 1st Jan to 31st Dec

7). Meeting dates

Keep schedule simple, i.e. Let the meetings fall on bank holidays.

Try to meet for a second observing meeting during the parts of the month when the moon has less impact.



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8). TS20 telescope update:

Lee's full report given and available.

9). Summer activities to consider

Market Stall

Agreed, Saturday 5th August suggested. TBC.

Meteor showers,

Perseid 13th Aug: General yes, Phil to possibly organise. Mention of initial plan for the 12th, to avoid a "school night!" & can fall back to 13th or even 14th if the sky isn't clear.

Geminid 14th Dec: Yes, but no rush yet.

Solar observing:

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

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

Day trips: Yes, to both National Space Centre & Jodrell Bank.

To be organised by committee, or realise just the one...

Club talk to Yorkshire Country Women during our November meeting.

Additionally, it was mentioned about a "Sky Party" at Dalby at the end of August.

10). Any other business

Nothing relevant to AGM, some points to discuss via Zoom & at/for more general meetings.

AGM formally ends 20:40