



Minutes for the East Riding Astronomers Extraordinary General Meeting  
Held via Zoom on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 starting 20:00BST

Meeting being held in lieu of a normal Annual General Meeting, due to Corona-19 virus restrictions.

PRESENT:

Lorraine Scaife,  
Helen Marshall,  
Phil Myers (minutes)  
Lee Cooper,  
Chris Eagleton,  
Terry Abbott,  
Mark Tomlinson,  
Sylvia Green,  
John Suffill.

At 8pm; as Zoom 'host' and acting chair for the start of the meeting, Lee called the meeting to order.

**1. Election of Club Officers**

Lee, proposes Lorraine Scaife to the position of ERA Chair, Phil seconds, all those present signal they are in favour. Lorraine accepts. Lee hands meeting over to Lorraine.

Lorraine gives a short talk also giving thanks to;

- Lee for hosting and organising the club Zoom meetings.
- Phil for setting up the WhatsApp group.
- Terry for scouting out & arranging access to the Beeford observing site.
- Great thanks to Mark who with Anthony has gone to great lengths to refurbish the club's 20inch dobsonian.

And hopefully soon, a new venue to observe at Sylvia's.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:

The following Club officials were elected unanimously by the members present:

Secretary: Lorraine proposed Phil Myers, Lee seconds.

Treasurer: Lorraine proposed Helen Marshall, Chris seconds.

Observing manager (currently incorporating Equipment officer); Phil propose Mark Tomlinson, Helen seconds.

Welcome officer: Phil proposed Lee Cooper, Terry seconds.

Supporting roles: Lee to maintain Club website.

PAYING SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- The general feeling was that club fees should be for the general running of the club though, so after discussing membership fees, an increase of club fees from £16 to £20 was voted on & agreed.

Subscriptions to run for a calendar year from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, pro rata (10<sup>ths</sup>) for those joining during the year.

- Visitor fees remain at £3 per meeting.

CONSTITUTION:

It was agreed to accept the Constitution as presented, in principle for three months. If by the July 2021 meeting there are no significant proposed changes it will automatically become permanent.



The Secretary will monitor any suggested changes and bring them to the attention of the members at the next monthly meeting.

#### CLUB'S 20" DOBSONIAN:

Name of 20" to be formally called the Tony Scaife 20inch Telescope (abbreviated to the 'TS20') and it would be lovely to try and get some observations of Tony's often mentioned "Jones-1" as soon as possible.

Decals will be produced for the scope.

Chris has contacted a local councillor requesting support for improved access and permanent storage of the TS20 scope onsite at Woodmansey Village Hall. This information will be passed on to the Parish Clerks & other members of the village hall committee. Chris has added that we could also provide the occasional 'outreach' meeting along the guidelines of our governing association (Federation of Astronomical Societies).

- Chris, Sylvia and Lee agreed to meet as a working group to look into the potential for a grant application to support a suitable facility at Woodmansey Village Hall, or another suitable site in the area.

#### TREASURER'S FIGURES:

- £320.97 in the current account
- £314.48 in the savings.

Only the Treasurer is a current cheque signatory. The Chair and Secretary need to apply to the Club banks for approval to sign cheques. We currently have 14 "paying" members.

The Treasurer will investigate how this is best done and if we need both accounts.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Lee proposes a day-time, club promotional event in Beverley We could hire a market stall or simply have a 'street presence'. Options to look at, including technical legality of just being on the street.
- Sylvia mentioned local advertising papers. Contact with the idea of us being 'an item of interest' rather than just a simple pay for space piece.
- Terry will inquire at the Beeford/ Driffield local paper.
- Lee has made some letterheads & will pass onto Phil & Helen. Lorraine is yet to access her emails.
- Website: Lee has drafted an updated version of the Club website as the current website is on Lorraine's karoo account. It was agreed to move the Club website to its own URL as soon as possible. Lee asks members to pass on any suggestions to him directly.
- Mark suggested it's time to try contacting visitors to our club we haven't seen due to covid restrictions. The Secretary agreed to progress this shortly and asks the Chair and Treasurer for any contact information available.
- Steve Bowden to be asked to give our club another talk. Possibly this autumn. But could be earlier & virtual.
- Lorraine says the membership card/ programmes are still to be done via Dominic.
- Zoom meetings to continue:
  - Once a month for a formal Club meeting.
    - Last Monday of each Month for formal Zoom meetings.
    - First Monday in each month when we restart face to face meetings.
  - Each other Monday for a "social" meeting.

Meeting closed at 21:43. Next formal meeting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April starting at 20:00BST, via Zoom.