

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of SAstroS held on

Thursday 21st July 2022 at 5.00 pm

At The Island hall

Present: Anthony Beaumont (AB) (Chairman), Reg Guille (RG) (Secretary), Jo Birch (JB) (Treasurer).

1. To approve the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 19th March 2022.

Approved.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 25th October 2022.

None, not covered by items on this agenda.

3. Current Bank Balance and Bank Mandate Changes. The balance as at 21 July 2022 was £6,516. It was proposed that changes to the Bank Mandate signatories would be as follows:

Remove – Annie Dachinger (Retired Chair).

Add – Dr Anthony Beaumont (Chairman) and Lt Col Reginald Guille (Secretary).

Remaining on the Mandate – Mrs Josephine Birch (Treasurer).

The above proposition was **Carried**.

4. Starfest 19 -21 August. Annie was thanked for the excellent programme that she had put together and advertised widely by an attractive poster. RG confirmed that only a few people had made contact to book in for the events,

Action: RG to write to members in early August to remind them of the events taking place and to book in..

AB proposed that a list of questions for the guest speaker Bob Bowers, be created dealing with observing and equipment issues, such as:

a. Messier Objects, a ready reckoner,

b. Equatorial Mount for the telescope. Is it worth it?

c. Electronic equipment and the salt air, is this the cause of the electronic failures on the two Mead telescopes that the society own?

5. Observatory. AB was thanked for painting wood preserver on the exterior and conducting an essential repair to the roof stop.

6. Membership Update. IJB reported that the members totalled 30. As agreed at the AGM a period of grace was given for late payers for the subscription.

Action: JB would but contact all current members who had not paid their subscription by the end of the grace period. Those who had not paid would be removed from the list of members.

Guide Members: It was proposed by AB and agreed that Observatory Guides would be offered Life Membership. (Note. Annual subscription not required whilst on the Guides rota.)

Chairman: sarkannie@outlook.com Secretary: regguille@cwgsy.net Treasurer: jo.birch@cwgsy.net

Action: AB to write to the guides concerned.

7. AOB.

a. Starfest. It was proposed and agreed that on the last evening, in Annie Dachinger's garden, refreshments would be provided from funds.

b. Bob Bowers to be asked if he needed audio/visual aids for his talks in the Board Room of the Island Hall. RG to contact him. If aids required RG to ask John Hunt to organise for and with Bob.

c. Constitution. After a short discussion it was agreed that RG would review the constitution.

d. End of Season Guides Meeting. It was agreed that an end of season wash-up meeting. RG to call the meeting on an appropriate date.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

