

Date: Thursday 16/11/2017

Present: Brian Shepherd (BS) Chair, Richard Young (RY), James Dale (JD) treasurer, Joan Brame (JB), Phil Leigh (PL), Judith Carr (JC), Linda Harper (LH) note taker.

Apologies: Mike Kirkham

2. Previous Minutes: - The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19/10/17 were agreed to be an accurate account.
3. Actions:- Agreed by all that we should endeavour to get the minutes of the Committee meetings sent out and agreed within a shorter time frame so that they can be added to the members area on the website for members to view.

It was also suggested that MK includes a brief resume of the meeting within his What's New talk at each members meeting.

Action

4. Finance: - JD reported on the current financial position of the association. There are some concerns over how we have been invoiced for the Star Partys, JD is waiting for confirmation from SEBC as to how we were paid for the previous party in March. There could be a difference in our income of £37.50p

It was suggested that PL as part of his events planning role should build this into the next Star Party planning cycle and get the agreement in writing.

PL

RY had received a donation of £50 from the Wickhambrook Womens Institute towards the Restoration Fund following a talk he gave, this was passed to JD.

General account:

- Amount as of 26th Oct: £212.29
- Pending outgoings: £188.48
- Pending income: £262 (assumes £237 for Star Party, this will now change down, final amount TBD)
- Anticipated outgoings to the end of year: £175.76
- Anticipated income to the end of year: £0
- Anticipated balance of the end of the year: £110.05

Restoration account: No transactions to report.

Amount: £795.64

- 5 Programme and planning update:- As was previously agreed the members meetings

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will continue with What's in the Night Sky (RY), What's new in Astronomy (MK) followed by a talk on one of the Planets. However weather permitting the talk will be postponed to allow for observation.

RY to organise another meeting of the planning group before Xmas. (RY, MK, BS and June Snowdon.

- 6 Events Planning group:- The next Star Party dates are confirmed as 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018. This will be a good time as there will be the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter moon and other objects of interest such as Venus.

No other events planned at present.

- 7 Outreach: - In view of the recent talk given by RY to the WI it was decided that a new section on outreach should be added to the agenda to identify any work being done and any opportunities for the association to expand.

Examples so far include request by Kinetic Science for the AAA to have a stand during their science event at the end of February 2018. (No details available at present as to what would be required)

RY has been asked to give a talk to a group in Foxearth in November next year.

A recent contact by Anna McGowan, Suffolk Highways dept asking if the AAA would be interested in providing Astro walks during the Suffolk Walking festival 12/5/18 – 3/6/18. RY has been in contact with her to discuss.

8. Restoration Project group update:- Reported that we are still waiting for legal advice on the agreement.

MK has asked for draft 2 document re the agreement to be circulated to committee, LH to do.

LH

BS informed meeting of comments he has received from MK re the project:-

5. Last week Richard and myself met with Deborah from Kinetic Science - good meeting with the following agreed subject to committee support:
- Deborah agreed to be part of new sub group
  - Deborah agreed to assist with grant funding (has experience) and seek restoration funds as part of a joint wider application. Richard agreed to Provide background info to Deborah and I agreed to obtain letter of

Support from SEBC and Councillor Speed.

- James also sent me details of a Paul Mackie From coastal strategic partnership Who may be interested in providing grant advice - I'm contacting him.

PL asked about the restoration group which was initially formed to take the project forward but who have not met since, it comprised PL, RY, Marian Shaw, Mike Brearley and Simon Parton.

PL expressed his concern that control of the project seemed to be slipping from the members.

Agreed by all present that it would be good to have the agreement in place by February 2018.

9. Resources:- JD reported that a new extension lead has been purchased and received. Also that Anna Mayes from RealiseFutures has agreed in principle for the AAA to have a storage cupboard in the house for our equipment. Cost £25 per quarter. The cost to purchase said cupboard will be approximately £120 for the size needed.

JD also enquired about the possibility of the equipment being covered by RF insurance he is awaiting an answer on this. Following on from this is there a possibility of the AAA using a room in the house for meetings? JD

JD also reported that he has the membership cards in hand, cost £6 for 100, he will laminate these once received.

#### 5.5.1 Prospective purchases for the AAA

(To be kept as a rolling list on the agenda will need costings for each at some point)

- Pop up banners **Action: MK ongoing, BS estimate around £50 depending upon artwork**
- Power packs **Action: MP £69**
- Curtain for the greenhouse as a blackout for presentation **Action: JD** may have some dust sheets to do this to be confirmed
- Telescope eye pieces **Action: BS, RY**
- Three types of lenses
- Barlow 2x
- Storage cupboard or something of that nature. **Action: ? JD**
- Following OASI event now adding table banners. **Action: ?**

- 10 IT:- It has been agreed to purchase the Domain name for the AAA for the next 2 years. Funding for this has been identified in the rewards earned through the purchases made through Amazon.

11 Publicity/Marketing:- Chairman has identified person for this role. Details not known.

We still have a supply of association leaflets with a flyer giving the new contact details available.

12 AOB:- Reminder that Saturday 18/11/17 is Sneezums Telescope Day.

Amended role of Secretary - MK still to circulate.

MK

BS has put together a folder which contains Application Forms, Safeguarding Information, the AAA constitution. To be kept in the projector box.

Agreed to ask members at meeting on 23/11/17 what they would like on the programme for 7/12/17, possibly more of a social occasion as it is the last meeting before Xmas.

Date and time of next meetings

Committee:

Members:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November @ 7.30pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January @ 7.30pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 21.30pm