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**The
Athenaeum**

Astronomy Association (AAA)

Annual General Meeting

**held at 7.30pm on Thursday 27th September 2018
at Realise House, Nowton Park, Bury St Edmunds**

Members Present:-

Joan Brame	Peter Bruce	Ruth Clarke	Peter Corbett
James Dale	Linda Harper	Lloyd Hughes	Hubert Kerry
Mike Kirkham	Phil Leigh	David Naylor	Nigel Osborne
Mark Proctor	Nick Proctor	Russell Robinson	Tom Sharman
June Snowdon	Kevin Williamson	Richard Young (Director)	

1. Chairman's welcome/Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting. Over the last 12 months the AAA has grown both in terms of members and in the outreach work that has been done for example at the Whitsun Fayre and the recent Heritage day. Hopefully this will continue throughout the following year.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Marian Shaw.

3. Minutes of previous AGM held 28th September 2017

The minutes of the meeting were reviewed and accepted.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of 28th September 2017

There were no matters arising.

5. Presentation of Chairman's Annual Report

The chairman presented his report to the members present. In it he updated the members present on the achievements and activities that have occurred during the year.



In particular the two new external events that the AAA was involved in, one being the Whitsun Fayre in May and more recently the Heritage day during which the AAA hosted a stand in the Abbey Gardens, both of which were well attended by the public.

At this point the Chairman thanked Hubert Kerry for his hard work in the organisation towards both these events.

The Restoration project continues to progress and it is hoped that we will soon be in a position whereby Phase one of the work to be done can start.

Brian Shepherd – Vice Chairman has left the committee as he has moved out of area, Hubert Kerry is soon to do the same however both remain members of the AAA.

Mark Proctor was thanked for his continued work on developing the AAA website, the chairman reported that there has been good media exposure of the AAA over the past year both on Radio Suffolk, Radio West Suffolk and local press.

(The Chairmans report is available in full on the website for members to view)

6. Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer)

Copies of the Annual Account up to 30/6/18, the end of the AAA's Financial year were tabled, having been examined and duly signed by Peter Corbett, independently of the Committee.

The treasurer reported on the accounts, it has been a good year with income from the Star Party's and the Whitsun Fayre adding to the general fund. There are still restricted funds of the grant from the Town Council which are being used to buy educational materials and a lap-top for presentations.

The Restoration Fund stands at £1293 with an additional £1000 donation from the Athenaeum Club once work commences.

7. Adoption of Accounts

Proposed by Lloyd Hughes and seconded by Phil Leigh the accounts were formally adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

8. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2018/2019

Proposed by Nigel Osborn and seconded by Joan Brame, Peter Corbett was duly appointed as Independent Examiner for the financial year 1/7/18-30/6/19, following a unanimous vote of the members present.

9. Election of Officers and Committee to the AAA

At this point the Director, Dr Richard Young, supervised the election of Mike Kirkham to his position as Chairman. Proposed by Hubert Kerry, seconded by Ruth Clarke, and unanimously elected. Mike then continued to chair the meeting.

The election of Officers and Committee continued as follows:-

Treasurer – James Dale, proposer Phil Leigh, seconded Russell Robinson. Unanimous vote.

Secretary – Linda Harper, proposer Lloyd Hughes, seconded Peter Corbett. Unanimous vote.

Phil Leigh, Mark Proctor, Joan Brame, Nigel Osborn and Tom Sharman had all indicated previously that they were happy to remain as committee members. Following proposal by Hubert Kerry and seconded by Lloyd Hughes and a unanimous vote from members present all were duly re-elected.

With Hubert Kerry leaving this leaves a vacant position on the committee, the Chairman invited any member(s) interested in the position to speak to a member of committee.

10. Proposals to be put to the AGM

i) That the Constitution of the AAA be reviewed annually to take account of any legality changes such as the recent GDPR changes. Unanimous vote from members present.

ii) That the Constitution does not currently comply with new GDPR changes and needs to be adjusted to reflect these changes. Agreed that Treasurer would review the constitution and advise if change needed. This would be brought to members at a meeting and if necessary an EGM would be called. Agreed by members present.

iii) That Committee/Sub Group meeting notes should be available on the website for members to access. Committee meeting notes are available, agreed that Observatory Group meeting notes would also be posted.

11. A.O.B

The Chairman read a letter he had received from Daniel Foulsham when he attended his last members meeting before starting University. In it he has included a donation of £75. £60 to be used towards equipment, materials or suchlike for the AAA in general or the Restoration project. The remaining £15 to be the membership fee for becoming a friend of the AAA, to be used at the discretion of the AAA. Phil and Nigel proposed and it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman would respond to Daniel formally with thanks.



12 Closing remarks

The Chairman formally brought the meeting to a close, with all business having been concluded.

He then invited members for refreshments followed by a Quiz and presentation and with the weather allowing some sky observing.



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