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**The  
Athenaeum**

**Astronomy Association (AAA)**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**held at 7.30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019  
at Realise House, Nowton Park, Bury St Edmunds**

### Members Present:-

Joan Brame	Peter Bruce	Peter Corbett	Katie Game
Chris Hale	Linda Harper	Aidan Jarvis	Mike Kirkham
Phil Leigh	Antony Moulds	David Naylor	Adam Osborne
Nigel Osborne	Nick Proctor	John Tovey	Richard Young

### **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 James Dale, Lloyd Hughes.

### **3. Minutes of previous AGM held 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The minutes of the meeting were reviewed and accepted.

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

i) That there should be a regular review of the constitution – this has been done on a regular basis throughout the year, at this time no changes required.

ii) That the AAA is GDPR compliant – James Dale completed an extensive review of how data is managed, we are fully compliant with requirements.

iii) That minutes of sub-groups should be posted on the AAA website- at present the only sub group is that of the Observatory Group (Restoration) and the minutes of its meetings are regularly posted.

## **5. Presentation of Chairman's Annual Report**

Mike Kirkham presented his report to the meeting, in it he thanked members for their continued support and he acknowledged the work done by the Committee.

There is an increased awareness of the AAA through the outside events that it has been involved in such as the Star Partys, Whitsun Fayre and recently with the National Trust at Ickworth House.

The association continues with outreach work to groups such as the Scouts/Cubs and with other local associations and groups.

The Restoration Project continues.

There was also mention of the resources now available to the AAA and how they have increased with purchases made possible by grants and monies earned through outside events, examples include a Laptop, Orrery, Planispheres. There have also been donations of Telescopes to the AAA. As a result, a loan scheme has been set up to give members the opportunity to borrow different scopes.

As a result of the increase in the number of members the need to find a new meeting venue has become a priority and work is underway to identify suitable and appropriate sites.

In summary the AAA continues to expand but this is not possible without the continued support of the members and our three immediate priorities are:-

- a) Find new venue
- b) Expand members programme
- c) Continue to push the Restoration Project.

(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 30/6/19, the end of the AAA's Financial year were tabled, having been examined and duly signed by Peter Corbett, independently of the Committee.

In the absence of the treasurer, the Chairman reported on the accounts, copies of the financial summaries were available for members to see.

Peter Corbett was thanked for his work as the Independent Examiner of the Accounts. Joan Brame was thanked for her work in providing refreshments at meetings, the Chairman reminded members that a small donation towards these was appreciated.



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The General Account at year end stands at £1657.14 with the Restoration Account standing at £1293.19.

#### **7. Adoption of Accounts**

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

#### **8. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2019/2020**

Proposed by Nigel Osborne and seconded by Joan Brame, Peter Corbett was duly appointed as Independent Examiner for the financial year 1/7/19-31/6/20, 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 took over the Chair from Mike Kirkham, then supervised the election of the Chair. Mike Kirkham was proposed by Richard Young, seconded by Chris Hale and was unanimously voted in. Mike then continued to chair the meeting. Richard thanked Mike for his previous work as Chair of the committee

The election of Officers and Committee continued as follows:-

Treasurer – James Dale, proposer Phil Leigh, seconded Nigel Osborn. Unanimous vote.

Secretary – Linda Harper, proposer Peter Corbett, seconded Nick Proctor. Unanimous vote.

Phil Leigh, Joan Brame, Nigel Osborn, Peter Bruce with Richard Young as Director/Vice-Chairman had all indicated that they were happy to stand again as committee members. Following proposal by Peter Corbett, seconded by David Naylor and a unanimous vote from members present all were duly re-elected.

This still 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**

There were no proposals received.

#### **11. A.O.B**

No issues raised.



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## 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. Due to the weather conditions no observation was possible.



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