

## aeum Astronomy Association (AAA)

### Annual General Meeting

held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Whepstead Community Centre, Bury Road, Whepstead IP29 4TA

#### Members Present:-

Mike Kirkham	Linda Harper	Peter Corbett	Joan Brame	Nigel Osborne
Nigel Bond	Lilias Haye	Lloyd Hughes	Paul Foreman	Stephen Recaldin P
Steve Richards	Chris Hale	Stewart James	David Naylor	Colin Paton
Chris King	Peter Bruce	Iain Clelland	Richard and Lachlan Murray	
Bob Scott	Annabel Ransome		David Finch	

#### **1. Chairman's welcome/Opening remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting including 2 new attendees.

Before formal meeting started a presentation was made to Joan Brame who has stepped down from her committee role as Member support. Joan has been a member of AAA since its inception in 2015/16 The chairman presented her with a card, flowers and Solar globe paperweight on behalf of all the members

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Noted apologies received from Simon Loughe

#### **3. Minutes of previous AGM held 27th September 2023**

Minutes are posted on website, there were no actions.

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

Chairman started his report by acknowledging the founder of AAA who due to health problems was not able to attend the meeting.

The AAA promotional video was then shown. ( For new members)

The Chairman noted that the AAA was now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year and has close to 50 members. It continues to enjoy a good venue with heating and Wi-Fi and has a strong member

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programme, including several guest speakers. Issues with storage of equipment are being addressed. Membership fees have remained the same. Also visits to other Astronomy groups have been arranged and have proved popular.  
(Full report available to members on request).

## **5. Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer)**

Although we are not required to have the accounts audited it is felt that they should be formally scrutinized and to this end James Dale has done so.

We are in a good financial situation with funds of £2310 at year end.  
There are no plans to increase membership fees despite the increase in rental costs for venue.

The report was opened to questions, there were none. Copy of Accounts was available for members to look at and members could request copy if wanted.

Chairman thanked Peter Corbett for his hard work in this role.

## **6. Election of Officers and Committee to the AAA**

All Officers and members of the Committee had previously indicated that they were happy to stand for re-election and there being no new proposals put forward for any of the roles the Chairman asked for proposer and seconder for en-bloc re-election of committee.

Proposer – Chris King    Seconded – Colin Paton and Phil Leigh

Lilias Haye has agreed to take on the role of Membership Support but this leaves a vacancy on the committee for the role of Event Support/general committee member, any members interested in taking on this role invited to make themselves known to committee.

## **7. Proposals to be put to the AGM**

The Constitution and all policies are available to members on the website.  
There were no issues raised.

## **8.A.O.B**

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There was no other business

## **9. Closing remarks**

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

He thanked all for attending, 2016 will be the 10 anniversary of the founding of AAA, it is hoped to make this a celebration and ideas of how to take this forward are welcomed.

The Chairman thanked all members for their continuing support.

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