

Mid-Cheshire Astronomical Group

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at 7.30pm at Delamere Forest Explorers Hut on 29th January 2016.

Adult Members Attending Meeting:

Graham Arnold, Maureen Arnold, Stephen Astles, Keith Baker, Dave Beesley, Liz Gwynne, Owen Gwynne, Julia Hamer, Jon Harty, Paul Heffernan, Robert Hill, Clwyd Jones, Paul Kummer, John Liggins, Christine Lightfoot, Jacqui Lightfoot, John Mathews, Andrew Smith, Rosie Smith, Tracey Snelus, Richard Wright

Apologies:

Mike Goodwin, Jackie Goodwin, Malc Beesley

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Confirmed as accurate (Jacqui Lightfoot, Stephen Astles)

Reports:

Chair's Report

Treasurer's Report

Notes from Treasurer's report and discussion

- Cash/bank reserves have improved significantly in 2015
- Closing balance of £731.64
- Subscriptions have now been aligned to April
- Membership is 40 at end of December 2015
- Senior membership fees for 2016 agreed at £15 per annum
- Junior members (under 16) free of charge when accompanied by an adult

Notes from Chairperson's Report and discussion

John Liggins personally thanked the committee for their help during the year.

Chair's objective for 2015 were:

- Move club meetings to Delamere Forest –done
- Setup regular observing night – delivered by Malc Beesley each Thursday – done
- Carry out outreach (club did Artisan Market, NW Astrofest, Perseids night)
- Build up club membership and funds
- Provide club shirts – to be done in 2016
- Update website – done
- Improve social media presence - done

Changes to Constitution

The following changes to the constitution were discussed and agreed unanimously by a vote of all members present:

Clause 9: Librarian/Historian role removed from the committee. Consequently clause 11 (v) removed.

Publicity role to include social media and to be renamed Social Media Officer (Clause 9 and clause 11 (iv) amended).

Requirement for one other elected member to be withdrawn. (Clause 9 amended).

Clause 22: Change “audited independently” to “inspected by a member of the Group”

Election Process:

All members of the 2015 committee stepped down and the following were elected:

Dave Beesley as Chairperson. Nominated by Jon Harty and Julia Hamer

Paul Kummer as Treasurer. Nominated by Rosie Smith and Julia Hamer.

Steve Astles as Secretary. Nominated by Jon Harty and Tracey Snelus.

Julia Hamer as Social Media Officer. Nominated by Paul Kummer and Rosie Norton

Owen Gwynne as Webmaster (non-committee post)

Any Other Business

A vote of thanks was proposed and made to John Liggins for his work as Chair in 2015. A personal gift was made to John by Jon Harty and Tracey Snelus.

Meeting closed 8:40pm.