

York Astronomical Society
Annual General Meeting November 20th 2020
Online Zoom Meeting 8.00pm

Minutes

1. Andrew Stephenson was Chair for the meeting, the two tellers were Martin Dawson and Duncan Farrer
2. Minutes of the AGM 4th October 2019 (Unanimously Approved)
3. Statement by the Chairman
4. Trustees Annual Report
 - a. Trustees remaining in post.
 - i. Paul Thornley
 - ii. Simon Howard
 - iii. David Friend
 - iv. Andrew Stephenson
 - v. John Wood
 - b. Actions / Amendments
 - i. Phil Holmes – Corrected the date of Derek Farmers resignation
 - ii. Martin Dawson – Add a comment about weekly observing sessions at Beetle Bank Farm between July (for Comet Neowise) and September.
 - iii. Paul Thornley – Additional comment on the £2,500 grant
 - iv. Darren Every – Highlighted the role observing sessions played in attracting new members.
 - c. Additional Thanks
 - i. Gerry Fisher highlighted that Richard Foleher in addition to the sponsorship by Everything Voice also gave his time supporting Star Parties and working at the Observatory, as well as providing vital equipment including screens and wifi dongles.
 - d. Approval
 - i. Proposed that the Trustees Annual Report is approved for submission – Andrew Stephenson.
 - ii. Seconded – Simon Howard
 - iii. Unanimously Approved
5. Treasurers Annual Report
 - a. Approval
 - i. Proposed that the Treasurers Annual Report is approved for submission – Andrew Stephenson.
 - ii. Seconded – Darren Every
 - iii. Unanimously Approved
6. Membership Fees. Proposal that the fee for 20/21 is £15 / £7.50 (or voluntary amount)
 - a. Actions / Amendments
 - i. Andrew Stephenson to send membership email containing the following.
 1. New Fee for 20/21
 2. Bank Details and Gift Aid Form
 3. Email confirmation request including membership number.
 - b. Approval
 - i. Proposed the reduced membership fee for 20/21 – Andrew Stephenson.
 - ii. Seconded – John Roberts

- iii. Unanimously Approved
- 7. Appointment of New Committee Members
 - a. Appointments
 - i. Gerry Fisher
 - ii. Darren Every (Shared Secretary Role)
 - iii. Hannah Every (Shared Secretary Role)
 - iv. Qamar Uddin – IT Officer looking after Web Content
 - b. Additional Thanks
 - i. Steve Sawyer for continuing to manage the IT Infrastructure.
- 8. AOB
 - a. Priory Street Centre

During the meeting a comment was made that the Priority Street Centre was closing and a discussion ensued, however it was also stated that the source may not be reliable. Ian Eiloart who knows the Chief Exec of York CVS (who operate the centre) volunteered to investigate the rumour. I am pleased to tell you that Ian has reported the Chief Exec clarified the rumour is without foundation.
- 9. There being no further business, the meeting was duly closed