



MEXBOROUGH & SWINTON ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Thursday 23rd May, 2013

Present

Alan Birch	Dave Fenton	Anthony Hood	Tony Morris
Jo Botterill	Gary Gawthrope	Barry Jackson	Phil Muffett
Mick Collinson	Roy Gunson	Joan Launders	Nick Reynolds
Mike Crowley	Mike Hall	Glenn Marsden	Steve Taylor
Paul D'Silva	Dave Holt	Les Marsden	Mick Waterfield

The meeting was opened at 20:00 with Les Marsden in the chair; minutes were taken by Gary Gawthrope.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Shaun O'Dell

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 24th May, 2012 were approved as a true account.

2. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

3. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

The Society's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013 was presented.

4. Proposed resolutions

The meeting considered the proposal put forward by Michael Waterfield and seconded by Gary Gawthrope that:

"The membership subscription rates for the year commencing April 1st 2014 be set at £84 per annum full rate and £64 per annum concession rate."

The proposal was briefly discussed and adopted unopposed.

The meeting considered the proposal put forward by Shaun O'Dell and seconded by Tony Morris that:

"Clause E of the Constitution be amended as follows:

To amend sub-clause 1 to read:

- 1) Membership is open to any person who is interested in furthering the objects:
 - i) all applications for membership of the Society must be made in writing to the Secretary;
 - ii) applications for Junior membership must be countersigned by a legal guardian of the applicant.

To amend sub-clause 2 to read:

- 2) Applications for membership shall be considered by the Executive Committee at their next meeting following the date of application
 - i) An application shall be approved if supported by a simple majority of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting.

- ii) The Executive Committee must inform the applicant in writing of their decision within 21 days of the decision.

To insert sub-clause 3 which reads:

- 3) The Executive Committee may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the Society to refuse the application.
 - i) The Executive Committee must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within 21 days of the decision;
 - ii) The Executive Committee must consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision. The Executive Committee decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final.

To amend clause 9 (formerly clause 8) to read:

- 9) The Executive Committee shall have the power to terminate the membership of any individual for good reason. The individual concerned shall have the right to appear before the Executive Committee before a final decision is made.
 - i) The individual may appeal against the decision of the Executive Committee by requesting a Special General Meeting within 7 days.
 - ii) The individual may be accompanied at any meeting where termination of their membership is under consideration;

To append the following sub-clauses:

- 12) Membership is not transferable to anyone else.
- 13) The membership of a member is terminated if:
 - i) the member dies;
 - ii) the member resigns by written notice to the Society unless, after the resignation, there would be less than two members;
 - iii) any sum due from the member to the society is not paid within one month of it falling due;
 - iv) the member is removed by a resolution of the Executive Committee under clause 9 above.
- 14) The Executive Committee must keep a register of names and addresses of members which must be made available to any member upon request.”

The proposal was briefly discussed and adopted unopposed.

The meeting considered the proposal put forward by Shaun O'Dell and seconded by Tony Morris that:

“Clause F of the Constitution be amended as follows:

To amend sub-clause 1 to read:

- 1) Members shall pay an annual subscription fee for each year of membership.

To append the following sub-clause:

- 6) The Executive Committee may make, modify and revoke rules under clause D sub-clause 9 pertaining to how subscription payments are to be made.”

The proposal was briefly discussed and adopted unopposed.

5. Gift Aid and Supporting the Society – a Reminder

Members were reminded of the benefits and rules of the Gift Aid scheme and how they could further support the society when shopping online at Amazon and easyfundraising.org.uk

6. Appointment of Executive Committee

The following valid nominations have been received, as no post had received more than a single nomination the following were elected unopposed.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
Chair	Les Marsden	Mick Waterfield	Gary Gawthrope
Deputy Chair	Gary Gawthrope	Les Marsden	Trevor Worrall
Secretary	Shaun O'Dell	Gary Gawthrope	Tony Morris
Treasurer	Mick Waterfield	Mick Collinson	Gary Gawthrope
Curator	Tony Morris	Gary Gawthrope	Jo Botterill
IT Officer	Glenn Marsden	Gary Gawthrope	Les Marsden
Librarian	Jo Botterill	Joan Launders	Gary Gawthrope
Fundraising Officer	Paul D'Silva	Mick Collinson	Mick Waterfield
Programme Co-ordinator	Phil Muffett	Les Marsden	Gary Gawthrope
Observations Officer	Trevor Worrall	Gary Gawthrope	Les Marsden
Committee Member	Mick Collinson	Mick Waterfield	Gary Gawthrope
	Steve Taylor	Roy Gunson	Alan Birch
	Roy Gunson	Pauline Hone	Steve Taylor

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