



MEXBOROUGH & SWINTON ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 25th June, 2015 at 20:00

Present

Alan Birch	Roy Gunson	Les Marsden (Chair)	Mike Scollan
Jo Botterill	Dave Holt	Tony Morris	Steve Taylor
Michael Collinson	Anthony Hood	Philip Muffett	Darren Venables
Alan Dibbo	Barry Jackson	Shaun O'Dell (Secretary)	Mick Waterfield
Dave Fenton	Andrew Kirton-Vaughan	Steven Paul-Davis	Trevor Worrall
Max Freier	Glenn Marsden	Jez Robinson	

Apologies

Apologies were received from Gary Gawthrope and Paul D'Silva.

Announcements & Notices

It was announced by the Chair the society lottery had been won by Andrew Kirton-Vaughan.

Arrangements for the Thrybergh Country Park event were announced.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 29th May, 2014 were considered and approved and duly signed as a true account.

2. Correspondence

The society received an invitation from Huddersfield AS to the AstroMind 2015 to be held October 10th 2016.

3. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

Les Marsden and Mick Waterfield presented the Society's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015.

4. Question & Answer Session

Could an expanded Observatory replace the club room?

This was not the purpose of the proposal made by the feasibility study; it is unlikely that the feasible size would meet our needs.

What communications have we had with SBC Ltd re their financial situation?

We are meeting with them on July 12th, there has been some informal discussion. SBC Ltd has indicated they will not be able to survive with current income levels for 6 years but this does not consider cash flow.

What is the programme to get the observatory ready for September observing season?

The Curator commented that he has repaired the focuser three times and members have used it in the year, he does not have a machine shop to fabricate items; as all trustees he and those who assist are volunteers with many other calls on their times. It is inaccurate to suggest the observatory is unusable but some equipment has failed. We have other instruments we can use.

The Curator is considering "plan B" options but again there is a risk of failure; solutions need to be designed to fit and forget.

5. Proposed resolutions

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

“The membership subscription rates for the year commencing April 1st 2016 be set at £84 per annum full rate and £64 per annum concession rate.”

The resolution was approved unanimously.

6. Appointment of Executive Committee

The post of Deputy Chair had received more than one valid nomination:.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
Deputy Chair	Roy Gunson	Paul D'Silva	Mick Collinson
	Phil Muffett	Les Marsden	Steve Taylor

An election took place in accordance with the Constitution & Rules of the Society and Roy Gunson was duly elected.

The remaining posts had received only one valid nomination and were elected unopposed.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
Chair	Les Marsden	Mick Collinson	Shaun O'Dell
Secretary	Shaun O'Dell	Les Marsden	Gary Gawthrop
Treasurer	Mick Waterfield	Les Marsden	Gary Gawthrop
Curator	Tony Morris	Mick Collinson	Gary Gawthrop
IT Officer	Glenn Marsden	Mick Collinson	Gary Gawthrop
Librarian	Mike Hall	Mick Collinson	Tony Hood
Fundraising Officer	Paul D'Silva	Mick Collinson	Gary Gawthrop
Programme Co-ordinator	Steve Taylor	Mick Collinson	Tony Hood
Observations Officer	Andrew Kirton-Vaughn	Trevor Worrall	Steven Paul-Davis
Committee Member	Mick Collinson	Les Marsden	Roy Gunson
	Mike Scollan	Jeremy Robinson	Dave Fentom

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed.

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