



Guildford Astronomical Society

Approved Minutes of the GAS Committee Meeting on 8th August 2017 at
7:30pm

at Copthorne, 37 Bramble Gate, Frimley Green, GU16 6PN

1. Present:

Paul Daniels (PD) President, Stephen Piatkowski SP (Outreach & program coordinator), Nick Tanton (NT) Observing Liaison, Gordon Ebbon (GE) Health & Safety, Martin Baker (MB) WebMaster & Adrian Lilly (AL) Secretary

Apologies for absence were received from Pam Noon (Treasurer) & Mathew Mallinson

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from Previous Meeting.

- a. 3 a. The display boards have been purchased and delivered, within budget.
- b. 3 b GZ's request for a website repository for H&S assessments still in hand to be postponed for action by new webmaster. GB & MB will now pick this up.
(Action GB MB)
- c. 3 c A more comprehensive policy on behaviour and responsibility for both committee members and members is under construction by PD based on similar documents common in Universities and RAS. This action continues with recommendation that emails have a standard disclaimer (Action PD GZ)
- d. 3d It was agreed that further efforts to press the StellaCam into service may prove to be a waste of time. SP & NT to cost the purchase of a new unit. Agreed to a budget of £400 to purchase two high res. monitors one for warm room the other for Outreach, both to have connectivity to StellaCam or it's replacement (Action NT)
- e. 6c MB will assume the role of updating the membership list to identify members, not renewed and lapsed. (Action MB)

4. Appointment of duties following election at the AGM

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| a. Health & Safety | Gordon Ebbon |
| b. Librarian | Mathew Mallinson |
| c. Observing Liaison | Nick Tanton |
| d. Outreach Liaison | Stephen Piatkowski |
| e. Programme Secretary | Stephen Piatkowski |
| f. Webmaster | Martin Baker |
| g. Ask an Astronomer | John Evans (Co-opted) |
| h. Social | Cornelia Ahearn will be invited to undertake this. |

5. Presidents report

- a. PD had learned there were plans to wind up the FAS due to lack of support. We would need to monitor this because our PL insurance is currently organised through the FAS. It was also agreed that at the September meeting PD would acquaint the members with this intelligence and seek straw poll support for any vote he may have to take on behalf of GAS at that meeting even though any decision may be a *fait accompli*. PD would email the membership immediately to quell any rumours and advise on the known facts. (Action PD)
- b. PD proposed it was about time to hold another Survey of the members wishes. SP volunteered to prepare a brief of objectives of such a survey to present back to the committee for consideration at the next meeting (Action SP)

6. Secretary's Report.

- a. It was agreed that publicity for events would be the responsibility of the organiser of any event, but that the secretary would still undertake any global publicity

7. Financial Report.

- a. PN had had not been able to attend the meeting but had confirmed there was very little change from the AGM statement.

8. Library Report.

- a. MM had had not been able to attend the meeting.

9. Health & Safety.

- a. GE had nothing to report

10. Website Report

- a. MB had nothing to report. There was however, work to be done tidying up the eUKhost service and in the removal of unwanted mailboxes. (Action MB)

11. OMT Report

- a. no report

12. Outreach report

- a. It was confirmed that the Cathedral event would take place on 20th January.
- b. SP would write to the Mayor regarding future plans for Dark Sky schemes. (Action SP)
- c. SP requested support for the National Trust Perseids event at Dapdune Wharfe. GE agreed to attend with a view to the H&S implications. (Action GE)

The next GAS Committee Meetings will be: 10th October, and 12th December.2017