



Guildford Astronomical Society

Minutes of the GAS Committee Meeting on 29th May 2019 at 7.30pm at Guildford Institute,
Ward Street, Guildford, GU1 4LH

1. Present:

Nick Tanton (NT) President, Gordon Ebbon (GE) Health & Safety, Tim Ellison (TE) Training Liaison, John Evans (JE) Dark Skies Coordinator, Gordon Joy (GJ) Outreach Liaison, Pam Noon (PN) Treasurer, Cornelia Ahearn (CA) Archivist, Jo Weight (JW) Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Baker (MB) Webmaster, Matthew Mallinson (MM) Librarian, Susan Newlands (SN) Outreach Liaison and Tony Questa (TQ) OMT.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by all as an accurate record of the meeting with some minor corrections.

3. Matters arising

The instructions for the hearing app at the UoS had been made available only to university students – GAS have managed to acquire a copy. This will be put on the website, emailed to GAS members and a laminated copy will be used at the GAS meetings.

Email has been sent out to members re the requirement for a minimum of **3** people to be present when using the observatories.

RHS event – Wisley is no longer a hard hat area – a meeting is to be arranged to progress with event.

4. Presidents report

Nothing to report

5. Secretary's report

Nothing to report

6. Treasurer's report

GAS has a healthy bank balance which allows for repairs on GO1 if needed.

PN will provide figures to show how much is spent on GO1 on average.

TQ to present accounts at AGM as PN will not be present.

NT – Yet to give PN expenses for May speaker

7. Outreach report

Nothing to report.

8. Webmasters report

The website has suffered 2 crashes recently – the host reset server which hopefully has fixed the problem.

Updated rules regarding the use of GO1 are now on the website as well as details of talks for the next year.

There are currently issues in sending emails to committee@guildfordas.com from external email addresses.

9. Observing report

No observing has taken place recently. More needs to be done to coordinate observing. Observing could be mentioned at meetings and include how to find out if and when it is on.

10. OMT report

NT & MB have machined the ribs for the lower shutter and checked the hinge and ribs at GO1. The next step will be to apply the marine plywood skin to the ribs. NT noticed that several of the steps up the slope to GO1 are partly overgrown, need weeding and possibly re-seating.

11. Training report

TE suggested an image processing session for early autumn

12. Librarians report

Nothing to report

13. Health & Safety report

Nothing to report.

14. Dark Skies

Dark skies project making good progress.

Ask an Astronomer – nothing since last meeting – possibly due to website issues.

15. Future Outreach

Suggestions welcomed for new sites for sky watching sessions with good skies, access and parking.

16. AGM

Before the AGM, NT asked for committee members to prepare 3 bullet points/highlights on what has happened in their role in the last year.

Members have been invited to give short talks at AGM – PN to mention at June meeting.

Anyone wishing to stand for committee at the AGM need to get 2 GAS members to second them – to be emailed to secretary by 22nd June (to include an explicit expression of their willingness to stand).

CA and TE both indicated that they wish to stand down from the committee but that they would still be happy to contribute in some active way– both were thanked for their contributions over the past year.

17. Dates of upcoming meetings:

24th July

Next meeting: Wednesday 24th July at the Guildford Institute.