

Newbury Astronomical Society, Committee meeting 10th April 2018

Present: Richard Fleet, Tony Hersh, Steve Harris, Alan Wyles, Peter Bendell, Nicky Fleet, Ann Davies, David Boyd, Chris Hooker, Jonathan Saunders, Chris Douglas, George Sallit, Kath Nurse

Apologies: Chris Dole, Steve Knight

Minutes: Accepted

Matters Arising: Change in Beginners meeting worked well, continue to assess. Kath sent out email regarding club assets, still awaiting full list. Richard has been liaising with Liz regarding the Fawley event, she suggested a Saturday in September, 29th provisionally agreed.

Governance of small charities - ours is ok. George will send note to FAS saying that documents already exist on Charities website with a separate webpage.

Last Meeting: Successful meeting, it was suggested that an email be sent to members a week before a speaker meeting to ask for 2nd half speakers so that more people might come forward and there will always be notice of who is to speak.

Next meeting: Meeting is members evening and subject is "My Favourite Telescope" George will send email to membership

Beginners: Nicky is looking for speakers on the topic 50th Anniversary of the moon landings. Chris H and Richard have offered so far. It was suggested that we should make announcements to coincide with anniversaries during the coming year. Also that members who have memorabilia of the time to bring it to a meeting.

Forthcoming events: Leicester visit, Ann will promote at Beginners meeting and Kath will do so at the May meeting. George will advertise it at Reading and Basingstoke clubs.

Thatcham Fun day, Steve is underway with arranging the festival, he plans to advertise in advance this year. Geoff Grayer has asked if we can help at an event in his village of Brightwalton on 6th May. George has agreed in principal. Jenny Shipway has been in touch with Nicky, she is holding a meeting on 20th April, and has asked for up to 3 people from the society to attend. This is to develop a list of objectives to take forward. She will then develop materials to suit. Nicky, George so far can attend. Jenny will be at SAGAS the next day and will do a presentation there.

Tony is happy to do a 5 minute talk at our beginners meetings on what outreach we have done during the month.

Tony received £350 cheque from Waitrose after their store collection. There was a discussion on how to use the money plus the £50 from the Burbage event. A new projector was suggested, Mark Gray will look into it.

Members Survey: No results as yet.

Membership review and Publicity: 92 members now

Finance: There are invoices still to be paid which leaves us slightly in the red.

AOB:

Kath will prepare nominations for next years' committee to go out at the April Beginners and May Speaker meeting. It will be on line too for anybody wishing to vote that way.

Steve H has suggested an explanation of some of the words used during talks at the beginners as a member has queried the meaning of some descriptions. eg: star magnitudes.

Alan needs advice on how to share members emails with some committee members who occasionally need to send out to the membership. Advice given

George was asked by a member if the society could put in a complaint to Newbury Council about light pollution in the town. He will pursue with advice from CFDS

George will ask Steve Mullaly if he can talk in the second half of the May meeting on the subject of 50th anniversary of the Apollo landing so that we can gauge the interest of members.

Next Meeting. 9th May