

## **Newbury Astronomical Society Committee Meeting 2nd May 2019**

**Apologies :** Chris Hooker, Jonathan Saunders, Mark Gray

**Present :** Richard Fleet, Alan Wyles, Peter Bendall, Chris Douglas, Nicky Fleet, Ann Davies, David Boyd, Steve Knight, Steve Harris, Tony Hersh, Kath Nurse, George Sallit

**Minutes:** Accepted

**Matters arising:** Logo agreed followed by discussion on badges for committee members. Kath's colleague, Steve Waite has offered to do the badges for us so that now we have an accepted logo and once we are through the AGM he can proceed.

BAA Historical meeting. Ann is underway with preparations, she would like members to be aware of this event and hopefully come along.

RAL BAA event on 22nd June is underway, more details to follow but website has info

**Review of last meeting:** It went well

**Review of Beginners:** It was a good meeting although there is a problem with people arriving late. Alan concerned that not everybody signs in, this could be a problem in an emergency situation.

**Next meeting:** organised but speaker coming from Preston so it was agreed that in case of late arrival the 2nd half members session will go first.

**Next Beginners:** Daytime Astronomy - Richard can do meteors etc . Others suggested viewing the moon in daytime.

It was proposed to make the Beginners for the 19th June a 1969 night attached to the Apollo landing anniversary.

**AGM:** Committee agreed to stay on if voted in. there are 12 voting members in all.

Voting slips are on the website and Kath has some for people needing them at meetings.

Members holding posts will write up a report and send them to George who will add them to his chairmans talk. Treasurer will do a separate report.

**Forthcoming events:** Summer fete at Brightwalton on 5th May, George and Steve H will attend. 19th -20th July there is an Apollo celebration in Stockcross. This will be advertised at our next few meetings.

Childrens day on 28th August on the green at Thatcham. Steve H would like ideas on what to do.

Tony to talk at Probus in Wantage. He has also agreed to go to the summer ball at Oxford along with some members from Abingdon Club

Steve H and Peter are doing the Berkshire County Fayre on 26th May with a stand.

**Membership:** slightly down this year. This months article in the NWN was left out due to advertising. The editor has promised to put it in asap. There was a good article from Tony in the Out and About magazine.

**Finance:** Accounts about to be checked. Insurance updated to cover new appliances this year including the HA camera donated to us from the Astroboost project

**AOB:** Nicky explained that Jenny Shipway would like to loan the Astroboost material for an event she is doing. Agreed.

Steve H has bought a moon filter which did not require a contribution from NAS funds

Kath will ask John Napper whether he is holding his summer party this year. ( has since done so and John is looking into it, if it proceeds it will probably be early August )

**Next Meeting:** Friday 9th August