

## NAS Zoom committee meeting 12th May 2020

**Present:** Ann Davis, David Boyd, Chris Hooker, Steve Knight, Jonathan Saunders, Chris Douglas, George Sallit, Nicky Fleet, Alan Wyles, Peter Bendall, Steve Harris, Tony Hersh, Mark Gray, Richard Fleet, Kath Nurse

Apologies: Julie Armstrong

Minutes from January meeting accepted.

AGM is suspended for this year unless we are able to get back together in early Autumn, meanwhile the existing committee have all agreed to continue. George will however write a chairmans report to the membership.

The committee had a practice Zoom meeting last week kindly arranged by Chris Hooker who had agreement from RAL for us to use their Zoom account. After a few teething problems all present were on line enabling us to use this medium for our meetings.

George asked Peter is there were any problems with payment to St Mary's church hall and Mencap. Peter confirmed that all meetings had been paid for up until lock down. It was requested that we confirm with the venues that we still have the rooms when we are able to re visit.

NB: Kath has since confirmed with Mencap that our bookings will be honoured.

At present we have two bookings ahead, first the Summer outing for which we have paid £100 deposit and second the Xmas dinner which we have also paid over £100 deposit. We agreed to contact the coach company to see if they will defer to a later date and that we keep the Xmas dinner option as there is a possibility that it may still be able to go ahead.

NB: Kath has spoken to Coach company and they would prefer to return our deposit, Peter is processing this.

A discussion followed on how to deal with the months to come acknowledging that we would like to involve the full membership somehow in astronomy talks. Reading and Basingstoke have set up virtual meetings.

Nicky suggested we contact Reading to see what they are doing. Steve Harris will put details on the beginners area of the website explaining how to access Zoom/webinar.

Various thoughts were put forward the main points being:

We will explore the availability of speakers but initially kick off with our members presenting what they have done astronomically during the lockdown.

We agreed to go through the summer using the same dates ie: the first Friday of the month and the third Wednesday for Beginners, same times. George will arrange with Ann for speakers. It was agreed that the speakers should be offered a payment, how much will be confirmed with our treasurer, Peter.

George asked about outreach and whether there had been any enquiries. There have been no approaches so far.

George to investigate options for costs toward Zoom / Webinar. Once the cost is known we can decide on how best to proceed.

Next meeting to be decided once future meetings are known.

Kath Nurse, NAS Secretary