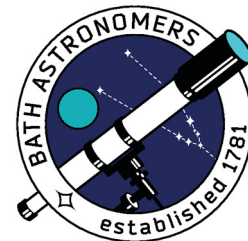


## Minutes for Bath Astronomers Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00 pm @ Herschel Museum of

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**Present at the Museum:** Simon Holbeche (SH) Chair; Jonathan Hall (JH) – Secretary; Primula Pike (PP) – Ordinary Officer; Tony Symes, Steve Lailey

**On-Line/Zoom Attendance:** 13 in total, including Chris Brooks (CB) – Treasurer; Mike Casbon (MC) – Ordinary Officer; Camilla Evans (CE) – Ordinary Officer. Others included Dennis Lewis, Charles Draper and Barry Smith.

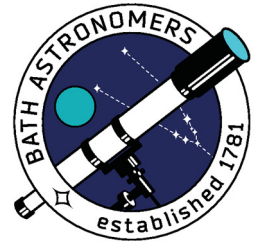
1. SH welcomed all to the meeting and outlined the agenda and timings for the talk.
2. SH gave a summary of the speakers and BA activities over the preceding year, including the refurbishment and formal opening of the Monkton Combe School Observatory, other outreach events and school visits as well as supporting the Herschel Museum of Astronomy and more recently participating in the Museum of the Moon exhibition at Bath Abbey. SH reflected on the wide variety of activities and the fact the BA had kept going despite the varying challenges and changing Covid restrictions.
3. The minutes of the previous AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 on Zoom, were agreed as being a fair record and no further comments were received. SH highlighted the fact that this was only the second AGM with the current BA society having been formed and reconstituted only 2 years ago.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. CB presented the Financial Accounts and Membership report covering the previous year and up to the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021. The balance of funds had increased from a starting balance of £907.84 finishing at year end with a balance of £1,387.62 The outgoings were typically for speaker fees & expenses, membership cards and the ongoing Zoom fees. CB said we were in a strong financial position and the coordination team would welcome suggestions from members as to how funds might be utilised to both benefit the members and to promote the objectives of BA. Further detailed accounts and breakdown of the figures can be made available to Members upon request. **Action – Open to all BA members to make suggestions as to utilisation of BA funds for the benefit of the society.**

The membership report reflected a steady growth in overall numbers from the year's starting point of around 40 to finishing the year at 64. Whilst a few have chosen not to renew this has been a small number compared to those renewing and new memberships. The increase in numbers had led to increased costs for using the 'membermojo' service for membership, but the growth in members was very encouraging. SH reported that as of today the membership stood at 68, CB said these additions would be reflected in the next report.

No questions on financial matters were received from attendees and the accounts were therefore accepted.

Barry Smith asked a question as to whether BA keep records to show where new members are attracted from, such as society activities or advertisements? SH said that whilst a survey had been conducted in the previous year membership at this point had been quite low and a lot of members already knew each other. **Action: SH agreed that consideration should be given to identifying the source of new members.**

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6. Election of officers

Chairperson

Simon proposed himself again as Chair; the nomination was seconded by Primula Pike. There being no other candidates Simon was duly elected for the coming year

Secretary

Jonathan offered to stand again as Secretary. Simon proposed Jonathan's appointment, and this was seconded by Tony Symes. There being no other candidates, Jonathan was duly elected for the coming year.

Treasurer

Chris offered to stand for one further year as Treasurer, Charles Draper proposed Chris's appointment, and this was seconded by Dennis Lewis. There being no other candidates Chris was duly elected for the coming year.

Ordinary Officers

SH explained that these posts need not be 'elected' or voted on. The Ordinary Officers volunteer their time to assist the committee in the running of the society. (*Secretary's Note: current Ordinary Officers include Mike Casbon, Primula Pike and Camilla Evans*).

7. BA Social Media, Newsletter and Communications. Owing to time constraints, and to allow for others to access Zoom for the start of the programmed talk, SH drew the meeting to a close and said these matters would be addressed another time.

Jonathan Hall  
BA Secretary  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Note a recording of this AGM can be found on the Bath Astronomer's YouTube feed**  
<https://youtu.be/OtZn3Te9GNY>

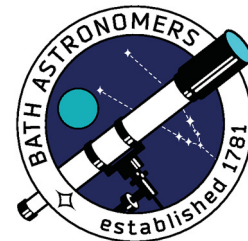
**A copy of these minutes will also be placed on the BA web page 'Useful Documents' section.**

**A copy of the Financial Summary is shown below.**

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### Bath Astronomers Full Year Accounts & Membership Summary - Treasurers 2021 AGM Report

#### Financial Summary

	Starting Balance 10th November 2020	First Quarter (10th Feb)		Second Quarter (10th May)		Third Quarter (10th Aug)		Last Quarter (10th Nov)		End Balance 10th November 2021
		Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing	
HSBC Saving	£244.96	£90.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£334.96
HSBC Current	£596.95	£20.00	£0.00	£394.61	£200.00	£8.80	£350.41	£20.00	£100.00	£387.95
Paypal	£280.69	£215.00	£214.08	£170.00	£128.12	£235.00	£103.77	£505.00	£100.25	£859.47
Cash	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00
Liabilities	£264.76	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£169.61	£169.61	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£244.76
<b>Quarter Totals</b>	<b>£907.84</b>	<b>£325.00</b>	<b>£214.08</b>	<b>£584.61</b>	<b>£497.73</b>	<b>£411.41</b>	<b>£454.18</b>	<b>£525.00</b>	<b>£200.25</b>	<b>£1,387.62</b>
Quarter Δ	£0.00	£110.92		£86.88		£42.77		£324.75		
Quarter on Quarter	£907.84	£1,018.76		£1,105.64		£1,062.87		£1,387.62		

#### Key Financial Notes:

The above table shows our start and end balances since Bath Astronomers became independent. Outgoings are for membership cards, speaker hire and expenses and to pay event fees and with Covid19 still around, monthly Zoom charges. Bath Astronomers are currently in a good financial position and we are looking at ways to support members and ensure we are fulfilling your expectations for being part of the BA club. With great end of year result BA encourages any suggestions how members would like to see BA use some of their money to benefit the club and its all its members. A full report detailing all available financial information is available on request to the committee.

#### Membership Summary

	First Quarter (10th Feb)		Second Quarter (10th May)		Third Quarter (10th Aug)		Last Quarter (10th Nov)	
	Member	Renewed	Member	Renewed	Member	Renewed	Member	Renewed
Membership by Quarter	4	11, (-2)	10	1, (-2)	7	6, -2	16	13, -5
Quarter on Quarter Membership Increase	40		48		53		64	

#### Key Membership Notes:

Minus numbers non-renewed members. The Committee's aim was to attain about 20 members by the end of the first year and then 50 at the end of year 2. Both these goals have been achieved and exceeded. Overall Bath Astronomers are very pleased with the number of members we have attracted and would like any feedback as to why you considered joining us.

Accounts approved at AGM by

Chris Brooks -BA Treasurer November 2021 AGM

