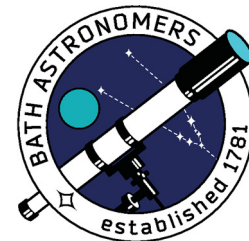


Minutes for Bath Astronomers Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 30th November 2022 at 7.00 pm @ Herschel Museum of

Astronomy & on Zoom



Present at the Museum: Simon Holbeche (SH) Chair; Jonathan Hall (JH) Secretary; Primula Pike (PP) Ordinary Officer; Jade Preedy (JP) Ordinary Officer, Meyrick Williams (MW) Ordinary Officer, Julia Matthews, Annie Gothard, Harvey West, Patricia Schady, Martin Farrell, Stephen MacGillivray & Jenny Bowden.

On-Line/Zoom Attendance: 4 in total, including Chris Brooks (CB) – Treasurer; Mike Casbon (MC) – Ordinary Officer and Roger Hyman.

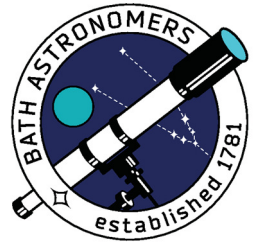
1. SH welcomed all to the meeting which marked the third anniversary of the current reconstituted society, and he outlined the agenda and proceedings for the A.G.M. including the nomination and election/re-election of committee members.
2. SH gave a summary of the speakers and BA activities over the year, including numerous outreach events. These included: a 'pop-up-shop' run in association with Bath Bid, supporting the Museum of the Moon event at Bath Abbey, numerous school visits and continuing with observing events around Bath and at the Monkton Combe Community Observatory. In addition, BA continued to support public astronomy events held at (or in association with) the Herschel Museum of Astronomy and at events such as the Exmoor Dark Skies Festival and Saltford Village Festival. SH thanked all those who had supported the events and the coordination team for helping make it possible.
3. The minutes of the previous AGM held on 24th November 2021 were agreed as being a fair and accurate record and no further comments were received. There were no outstanding actions or matters arising.
4. CB presented the Financial Accounts and Membership report covering the previous year and up to the 10th Nov 2022. He explained that the society had replaced the former HSBC accounts which had started to attract fees and now opened ~~operated~~ two Metro Bank accounts ~~and a PayPal account~~. The total balance of BA funds had increased from a starting balance of £1,387.62 as at 10th November 2021, finishing at year end with a balance of £4,790.70. The outgoings were typically for speaker fees & expenses, membermojo and Zoom fees. CB briefly explained how the accounts were operated and for which transactions. SH thanked CB and acknowledged that this would be his final presentation of the accounts as he was standing down as Treasurer.

(Secretary's Note: Following the Annual General Meeting, Chris Brooks is to be removed as a signatory to the Bath Astronomers' Metro bank accounts both current and savings. Jade Preedy (Treasurer elect) is to be added as a signatory to the Bath Astronomers' current and savings Metro bank accounts. Simon Holbeche's access to the Metro Bank accounts remains unchanged).

5. The membership report reflected a steady growth in overall numbers from the year's starting point of 64 finishing the year at 92 (as at 10th November 2022) - a net increase of 28. CB said membership numbers seemed to be seasonal, with a greater increase in the darker/winter months. CB said members could access the full accounts upon request.

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

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6. Election of officers

Chairperson

Simon Holbeche proposed himself again as Chair. There being no other candidates Simon was duly elected for the coming year

Secretary

Jonathan Hall had given advanced notice of his Intention to stand down as Secretary. One nomination - Annie Gothard had been received and there being no other candidates, Annie was duly elected for the coming year.

Treasurer

Chris Brooks had given advance notice of his intention to stand down as Treasurer. One nomination - Jade Preedy had been received and there being no other candidates Jade was duly elected for the coming year.

Ordinary Officers

SH explained that the Ordinary Officers were volunteers who helped as part of the coordination team in a variety of ways in the running of the society. PP, MC and MW all present at the meeting indicated their willingness to continue in the role of Ordinary Officers. JH also indicated he would like to remain on the coordination team as an Ordinary Officer.

SH once again thanked both Jonathan and Chris for their time and contributions to the coordination team and concluded by giving an outline of the forthcoming speakers for the new season.

(Secretary's Note: following the A.G.M. Camilla Evans confirmed she wished to continue as an Ordinary Officer).

7. A.O.B. Julie Matthews asked whether the chairs in the museum could be replaced for future meetings. SH and JH said this matter had been brought to the attention of the museum/Bath Preservation Trust.

Jonathan Hall
BA Secretary
2nd December 2022

Note a recording of this AGM can be found on the Bath Astronomer's YouTube feed
<https://youtu.be/AsG6OJs0w7g>

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

A copy of the Financial Summary is attached as a pdf document.