

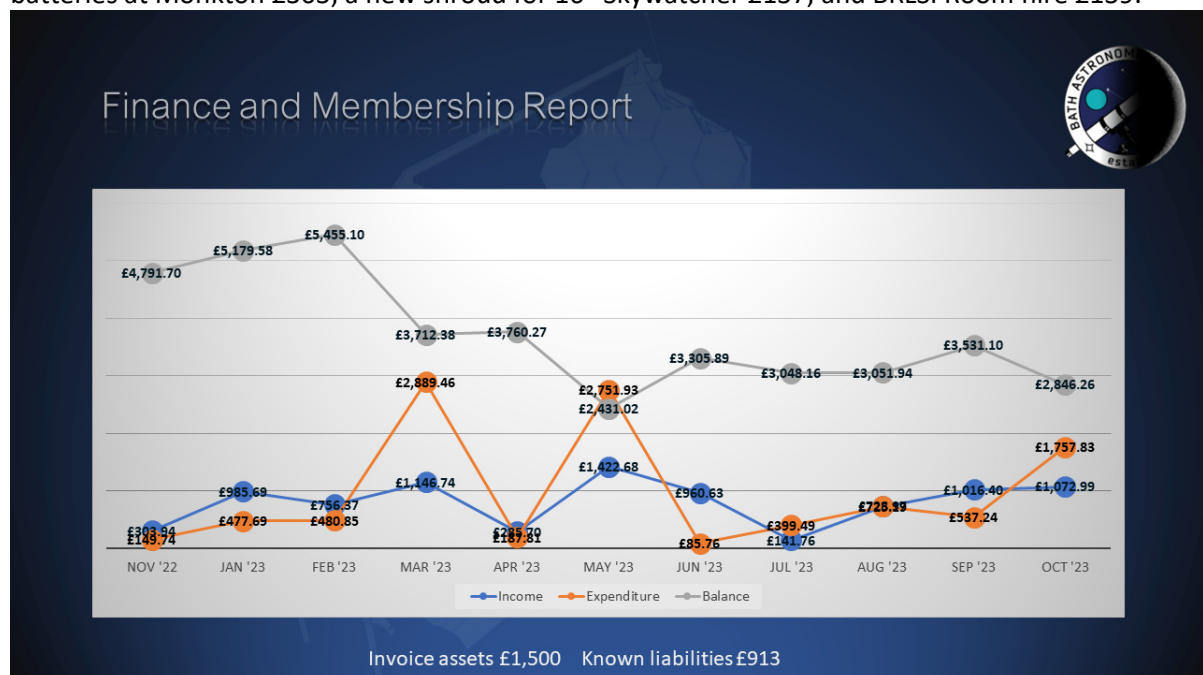
Minutes for Bath Astronomers Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 25th October 2023 at 7.00 pm @ Herschel Museum of
Astronomy & on Zoom



Present at the Museum: Attendees were not recorded in full but included Simon Holbeche, Prim Pike, Jade Preedy, Julia Matthews, Martin Farrell, Stephen MacGillivray, Kathryn Drury & Jenny Bowden.

On-Line/Zoom Attendance: Attendees were not recorded in full but included Roger Hyman, Jonathan Hall, Charles Draper, Ben Luger, Pete Morris, & Terry Morrow.

1. Simon H welcomed all to the meeting which marked the fourth anniversary of the reconstituted society, and he outlined the agenda and proceedings for the A.G.M. including changes to the constitution the nomination and election/re-election of coordination members.
2. The summary of BA activities over the year was undertaken as a slide show of photos from outreach and observing events over the prior 12 months. It included combined events with the Herschel Museum and with Bath Abbey, visits to schools, social events, observatory visits, public outreach, Solargazing, and icy telescopes under the stars.
3. The minutes of the previous AGM held on 30th November 2022 were agreed as being a fair and accurate record and no further comments were received. There were no outstanding actions or matters arising.
4. SH showed the change in balance over the year and the investments in new assets including two refractors, one energy rejection filter, one Herschel wedge, one Daystar Quark, one AVX mount for loan telescope, and two SkyMax 127 GTi for loan. The investment bolsters both the loan scheme for members and our Solargazing outreach capability. Revenue continues from both membership subscriptions and partnerships with Bath Abbey and the Herschel Museum as well as a small component for the minimum hire charge of the planetarium. The total money in the bank on 15th Oct was £2,846.26. Four items contribute to the higher expenditure in October: Meteorites for outreach £440, replacement deep cycle batteries at Monkton £303, a new shroud for 16" Skywatcher £137, and BRLSI Room hire £139.



An annual set of accounts was not prepared or presented this year.

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(Chair's Note: *Following the Annual General Meeting, Jade Preedy and Jonathan Hall are to be removed as signatories to the Bath Astronomers' Metro Bank accounts, both current and savings. Their online access is to be revoked. Martin Farrell (Secretary) is to be added as a signatory to the Bath Astronomers' current and savings Metro Bank accounts. Martin is to be given online access to these accounts. Simon Holbeche's access to the Metro Bank accounts remains unchanged. The practices of not issuing bank cards and allowing just one signatory per transactions remain unchanged*).

5. The membership report reflected a steady growth in overall numbers from the year's starting point of a 92 finishing the year at 110 (as of 25th October 2023) - a net increase of 18. One question was raised on the attrition and it was explained the situation was akin to 2 steps forward, 1 step back with 1 leaver for every couple of people that joined.



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

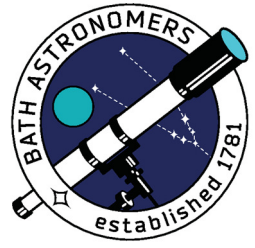
6. The proposed changes to the constitution were outlined and comments requested. Attendees confirmed they had noted the changes. The vote in the Herschel Museum was two abstentions and all others in favour. The changes were approved.
7. Election of officers

Chairperson

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

Secretary

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Annie Gothard had stepped down during the year. One nomination – Martin Farrell had been received and there being no other candidates Martin was duly elected for the coming year.

Treasurer

Jade Preedy had given advance notice of her intention to stand down as Treasurer. No nominations for the role were received and so role will be vacant. Chair will take on financial responsibilities until a volunteer comes forward. The Secretary will be given access to Metro Bank accounts.

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. Jonathan Hall, Mike Casbon, and Camilla Evans stepped down from being Ordinary Officers. Prim Pike and Meyrick Williams indicated their willingness to continue in the role of Ordinary Officers.

8. The required changes for Metro Bank account access were reviewed and approved. Revoke access to Jade Preedy and Jonathan Hall. Add Martin Farrell with full online access, no card, and single signatory approval.
9. A.O.B. None raised.

Simon Holbeche
BA Chair
29th October 2023

Jade Preedy
BA Treasurer (outgoing)
4th November 2023

A copy of these minutes and the revised Constitution will be placed in the BA web page 'Useful Documents' section.