

Minutes of the AGM of Croydon Astronomical Society held at 7.45pm on June 8th 2023

Present: Tony Roberts (in the chair) and 20 other members of CAS. Apologies were received from Keith Brackenborough and Roy Easto. The AGM was quorate under section 11(5)(b) of the constitution.

Approval of minutes of 2022 AGM. These were agreed with no matters arising.

Trustees' report. The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts (Appendix 1) and the Donations Analysis (appendix 1a) had been placed on the society's website and a link to these documents had been emailed to members 20 days in advance of the meeting. The Annual Report and Accounts would be sent to the Charity Commission and would appear publicly on their website. A brief overview of the Trustees' Report was given and the report was discussed, then agreed. Colin provided an explanation of the figures in the Accounts and the Donations Analysis. Colin highlighted that, at the start of the financial year, the Society held approximately £8,000 but at the year end the figure was £10,000 and that, at the time of the AGM, we had 83 members (48 new this year). The Accounts and Donations Analysis were agreed (Proposed Tony, seconded Graham).

Tony delivered a **Chair's report**. He highlighted the work of the society and the multiple roles taken on by a relatively small number of members. Tony urged more people to get involved which would both enable the Society to expand its activities and also spread the workload. This report was accepted.

Life membership Tony announced that the Committee had agreed to bestow Life Membership on Martin Gaiger for his service to the Society. It was noted that Martin was leaving the Committee having served as Group Visit Co-ordinator for 11 years.

Announcement of nominations for committee. Nine places were available for appointment at this AGM – the Secretary (**Graham Cluer**) was not required to retire until the next following AGM.

Stefan Blakemore, Andrew Hossain, Gareth Howells, Carolyn Raishbrook, Tony Roberts, Paul Stenning, Laura Quayle and Colin Weightman and had been nominated and were appointed.

Tony thanked the Committee for their service and particularly welcomed Andrew and Gareth as new committee members.

Examiner of Accounts Roy Easto was appointed as Examiner of Accounts for the year to 31st March 2024.