

WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

Online AGM
13th May 2022



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Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes for the 2021 AGM**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Subscription 2022/23**
- 6. Election of the Committee**
- 7. AOB**
 - 1. Short discussion about Zoom v Face-to-Face**

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Attendance

At St Aldhelm's

**Nigel Dalley
Geoff Kirby
Steve Burke
Ian Johnson
Angie Johnson
Melissa Eryilmaz
Ennio Tabone
Fleur Crowley
John Macdonald**

On Zoom

**Barry FitzGerald
Geoff Trim
Ron Lee
Sara Harpley
Paul Masham
James Fradgley
Penny Hall
Pat Pullen**

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Apologies

We have received apologies from: None.

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Minutes of the 2021 AGM

You will have been sent a link to the minutes from the AGM 2021.

The minutes were proposed by: Barry FitzGerald

They were seconded by: Geoff Kirby

Passed unanimously.

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Chairman's Report

We have continued with a usual programme both online and St Aldhelm's for most of the year.

We have also benefitted from being able to both invite and participate in the Zoom meetings at Wessex Astronomical Society and Fordingbridge Astronomers. Clearly, this has added value to being a WAC member for those who have been able to attend their meetings.

Our membership numbers have risen both throughout the pandemic and after restrictions have been lifted. For the last few years, they have hovered in the mid to low 20s, but they currently stand at 31.

Barry has been able to run regular observing evenings at the Hardy Monument and this has in turn led to the creation of an informal but very active WhatsApp group.

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WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 2nd MAY 2022

	2022	
	£	£
ASSETS		
Current account	3,186.00	
Cash in hand	8.88	
		3,194.88
TOTAL ASSETS		3,194.88
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Represented by:		
Accumulated profits/loss b/fwd		3,178.98
Profit/Loss for the year		15.90
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		3,194.88

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<u>WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY CLUB</u>						
<u>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</u>						
<u>YEAR ENDED 2ND MAY 2022</u>						
					2022	
					£	£
INCOME						
	Memberships				448.00	
	Visitors				3.00	
	Other				0.00	
						451.00
EXPENDITURE						
	Meeting Hall				0.00	
	Speakers				130.00	
	Refreshments				0.00	
	Subscriptions				53.00	
	Bank Charges				15.40	
	Postage/Zoom/Other				236.70	
						435.10
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR						15.90

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Treasurer's Report

- Our income this year has been almost totally through membership subscriptions. Due to the limited face-to-face meetings, we have only collected £3.00 in visitor's fees.
- The Club membership is currently 31 which is more than the previous years and includes some members who live further away and can only access the meetings via Zoom.
- Due to being in credit with St Aldhelm's at the first lockdown we have not had to pay anything further for room hire during 2021-22. But we expect to get an invoice from the Church Centre in September to cover the period September to December.
- FAS fees have remained the same at £53.

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Treasurer's Report

- Refreshments have been donated so far this year and therefore the cost to the Club has been £0.00
- We continue to give our external speakers a small donation, usually in the form of Amazon vouchers to cover any expenses they may have incurred (such as a Zoom or internet subscription) although sometimes they invoice us instead. These costs have come to £130 in total.
- We started to incur bank charges at the HSBC and therefore during the year we have moved Club funds to the Great Western Credit Union. Although not quite as flexible as the HSBC account, there are no charges for their services.
- Overall, the Club has made a small profit of £15.90 this year.

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Treasurer's Report

The motion to accept the accounts:

Proposed by: Barry FitzGerald

Seconded by: James Fradgley

Passed unanimously.

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Proposed Subscriptions for 2022/23

It looks as though we will need to maintain our Zoom subscription for the foreseeable future. It gives us access to a wider pool of speakers, many of whom are too distant to travel to Weymouth.

We also expect the room hire at St Aldhelm's Church Centre to increase the next time we have to pay, in the Autumn.

We are also expecting a small rise in our public liability insurance which we get through the FAS.

The Committee therefore feel that in these inflationary times where all our costs seem to be rising. that we increase the annual subscription to £20.

Subscriptions for 2022/23 proposed by: Ennio Tabone

Seconded by: Geoff Trim

Passed unanimously.

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Election of the Committee

James Fradgley now feels it is now time to step down from the Committee.

As our former Chair, a valuable speaker for both main and short talks at many meetings, as a source of knowledge and general advice on a very wide range of matters, James's contribution has been invaluable in helping the Club to run smoothly since 2009 and for most of that period he was Chair.

He must have a bulging address book and extensive list of email contacts and his experience of booking speakers has been extremely helpful over the years. It appears that James knows everyone who is anyone in the world of Astronomy.

I know that all the members of the Committee are going to miss James's helpful contribution to our meetings and I hope that we can continue to 'tap him on the shoulder' from time-to-time and ask for the contact details or find out what he thinks of potential speakers.

I am sure we all want to thank James for the invaluable contribution he has made to the Club.

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Election of the Committee

We are fortunate to have two volunteers to join the Committee:

Sara Harpley

Geoff Kirby

Other members of the committee are prepared to stand again for 2022/23.

Therefore the posts are:

Chair: John Macdonald

Treasurer: Nigel Dalley

Membership: Malcolm McCarthy

Committee Members: Barry FitzGerald, Ennio Tabone, Sara Harpley and Geoff Kirby

**The motion to re-elect the committee
en bloc was:**

Proposed by: Angie Johnson

Seconded by: James Fradgley

Passed unanimously.

The committee for 2022/23 was:

Proposed by: Ennio Tabone

Seconded by: Steve Burke

Passed unanimously.

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AOB

1. To Zoom or not to Zoom

Since returning to face-to-face meetings at St Aldhelm's, it is clear that many members still prefer to join meetings online.

Summary of points made:

- Hybrid meetings do seem to be the future.
- Is it a lot of extra effort for run hybrid meetings? (JM replied that he is used to it now).
- Should we train others to be able to run the Zoom meeting in case JM not available?
- Zoom does allow us to access the meetings of other local groups.