

# WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

Online AGM  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2021



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## Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes from the 2020 AGM**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Subscription 2021/2**
- 6. Election of the Committee**
- 7. AOB**



# WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

## Attendance

**Ray Capp**

**Barry Fitzgerald**

**CES Demo**

**James Fradley**

**Nigel Dalley**

**Stephen Burke**

**Malcolm McCarthy**

**Pat Pullen**

**Geoff Kirby**

**Steve Beith**

**Geoff Trim**

**Paul Masham**

**Ron Lee**

**Iain Smith**

**Johnson**

**Sara Harpley**

# WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

## Apologies

**We have received apologies from:**

**Ennio Tabone**

# WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

## Minutes of the 2020 AGM

**You will have been sent a link to the minutes from the AGM 2020.**

**The minutes were proposed by: Barry Fitzgerald**

**They were seconded by: Geoff Kirby**

**Agreed unanimously.**

# WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

## Chairman's Report

We have been organising Zoom meetings since the first lockdown in March 2020 and benefited from sharing meetings with guests from both Wessex Astronomical Society and Fordingbridge Astronomers and in return, we have been able to attend their meetings.

We suspended the membership at the last AGM as there were so many uncertainties regarding the length of the lockdown and queries about the success of Zoom. When it became clear that Zoom was working well for most members, we asked for a suggested voluntary donation of £15 to club funds. A big thank you to everyone who did make a contribution. We are now well placed for 2021/22.

Our 'membership' has grown enormously since meeting online and hope that most you will continue to attend meetings once we are back at St Aldhelm's Church Centre.

The Committee have been investigating returning the face-to-face meetings in the Autumn and we will be sending out an online survey to gather members opinions in the next few months.

# WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

## Treasurer's Report

During the past year it was decided to suspend membership subscription whilst all meetings were being held online. So the club's only source of income was donations generously given by existing members and guests as well as members from other clubs and societies. The total sum of donations received was £335.

As a result of holding club meetings online, there were no venue fees, but this is offset against the costs of a 'Zoom' account (£150.38). This also enabled the club to arrange a host of speakers which previously may have not been logistically possible.

Speaker fees totalled £135.

FAS membership remained the same at £53.

Therefore, during the past year the Club has managed to almost break even by making an operational loss of **£3.38**.



**WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY CLUB****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****YEAR ENDED 4TH MAY 2021**

	2020		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Memberships / Donations	331		335	
Visitors	99		0	
Other	0		0	
		430		335
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Meeting Hall	335		0	
Speakers	91		135	
Refreshments	26.19		0	
Subscriptions	53		53	
Postage/Zoom/Other	0		150.38	
		505.19		338.38
<b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		- 75.19		- 3.38



# WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

## Club Accounts

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 14TH MAY 2021

	2021	
	£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current account	3,077.55	
Cash in hand	<b>101.43</b>	
		3,178.98
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>3,178.98</b>
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		
Represented by:		
Accumulated profits b/fwd		3,182.36
Profit/Loss for the year	-	<b>3.38</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		<b>3,178.98</b>

SH asked a question concerning the use of the legacy from John Samways.

JM explained that we certainly intend to use the legacy and had started to dig into it before the first lockdown by arranging talks from more distant speakers with 'larger than usual' travel expenses.

But since meeting online, the remaining portion of the legacy (which is most of it) has remained untouched.

RC suggested that an alternative use for the money might be a trip or visit.

JM agreed that the Committee would keep all options open and will investigate a trip or visit when travelling for social reasons is more certain.

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The motion to accept the accounts was:

Proposed by: James Fradgley

Seconded by: Ray Capp

Carried unanimously.

# WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

## Proposed Subscriptions for 2021/22

The Committee expect us the return to face-to-face meetings at St Aldhelm's Church centre when it is safe to do so and almost certainly during the Autumn. At the moment, we don't know what the room hire fee will be from January 2022 onwards.

It is likely that we may have to keep our Zoom subscription for speakers who do not wish travel to Weymouth.

With our expected increase in costs for 2021 / 2022, the Committee is proposing we raise the annual subscription to £17 per person.

Subscriptions for 2021/22 proposed by: Geoff Kirby  
Seconded by: Sara Harpley

Carried unanimously.

# WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

## Subscription Payments for 2020/21

**Membership comes up for renewal at the June meeting.**

**This means we will be starting new membership and mailing lists in July.**

**People can pay (£17) by cheque or BACS transfer.**

**The last time we will be using the old mailing list is when we send-out the Zoom link for the July meeting.**

**After July, we will only be updating our membership and mailing lists once per month and this we will be when HSBC send us confirmation of the payments received.**

**Once we are meeting face-to-face, people will also be able to join by paying cash or cheque at the meeting as we have done in the past.**



# WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

## Election of the Committee

**No nominations for new committee members were received before the deadline of the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

**All members of the committee are prepared to stand again for 2021/22.**

**The posts are:**

**Chair: John Macdonald**

**Treasurer: Nigel Dalley**

**Membership: Malcolm McCarthy**

**Committee Members: James Fradgley, Barry FitzGerald, Ennio Tabone.**

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

**Proposed by Ray Capp**

**Seconded by Geoff Trim**

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

**Proposed by Ron Lee**

**Seconded by Iain Smith**

**Carried unanimously.**

# WEYMOUTH ASTRONOMY

## AOB

1. Sara Harpley proposed a vote of thanks to Committee for keeping the Club active during the Covid pandemic.

The meeting ended at 7:58pm.