

Sunderland Astronomical Society

Date: 14th September 2014.
Time: 6:00 pm.
Location: WWT.

Attendees: John Lynch (JL), Martin Kennedy (MK), Roy Alexander (RA), Paul Meade (PM), Stephen Carr (SC).

Apologies: Ken Kirvan (KK), Natalie Lowes (NL), Ian Aiken (IA), Peter Wison (PW), Harry Herron (HH).

Outstanding Actions:

- PM to fill in an application form for ASDA green tokens for SAS fundraising purposes.
- KK to provide accounts (new format) for past 2 years (last and previous season) for BIFFA application (required for November 2014).
- MK to enquire/confirm date of the next BBC stargazing live event.
- MK to contact GC (NSLC) regarding future events.
- JL to contact WWT management and inform them of dates for Jupiter nights 23/24th Jan 2015.
- JL to ask WWT management if current notice board could be increased in size as the current notice was now too small for SAS notices/pictures/etc.
- HH/DB/GD – report on telescope build progress.
- HH/DB – report t on shed build progress.
- RA - progress update on competition proposal for schools for SAS visits (required as part of Endowment Fund).
- Graham Darke to provide the necessary adjustments for primary mirror for telescope project..

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	Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes from previous committee meeting minutes were accepted.		
1	Outstanding Action Review All actions outlined above were still outstanding.		
2	Visits & Events PM went through events & visits from events calendar for September, October & November. JL commented that the East Herrington school visits was postponed and would be re-scheduled. Kielder Forest Star Camp - October 22 nd to 26 th . All electrical hook- up pitches were booked. Non-electrical pictures still available. Contact Lynn more information. MK - No further replies from the BBC regarding stargazing live dates. Possible date week of 20 March to coincide with the solar eclipse - date TBD/TBC. MK to send another email to BBC POC for any more information. MK - awaiting reply from Gary Collin (Nissan) w.r.t. SAS participation at NSLC events this year and next.	PM to confirm dates/ times for visits/events, arrange/liaise with event organisers. MK to confirm date of the BBC stargazing live event. MK to make enquiries with GC.	As reqd. ASAP As reqd.
3	Funding for Observatory Dome/Mount replacement, etc Endowment Fund - Community Foundation. With regards to other 3 school visits Competition on Facebook page that RA proposed. Once schools had been ear marked for selection, it was discussed and decided that the schools would be best to contact the school initially (for e.g. obtain permissions, etc) before placing schools in	Once schools selected. RA to approach schools re: competition proposal, permissions, etc.	16/11/14

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	the competition. Other Fundraising Streams It was mentioned that BIFFA fundraising application process was to be started in November. If November was used as date of application only we could use last season's and previous 1 years accounts (in new agreed format) would be required from Treasurer (KK) for the application, as the previous year could be utilised as well.	Actions required for BIFFA application to start beginning of November 2014.	16/11/14
4	SAS Project - Shed HH/DB not present so no progress updates given on shed build.	HH//JL the progress shed build.	As Reqd.
5	SAS Project - 18.5 " Dob Telescope HH/DB not present so no progress updates given on telescope build. It was understood the problem had been reported with the primary mirror's surface and some further work was required by Graham before mirror coating. This was still outstanding.	Graham to provide the necessary adjustments for primary mirror.	As Reqd.

Any Other Business

Due to recent SAS Facebook group page debates☺, a set of rules was being proposed by Facebook group page moderators, to guide all SAS Facebook members.

It was also proposed that may be SAS should put these onto the SAS website. The question was asked was a more general "Code of Conduct" for all SAS members required, that could be uploaded to website, and could then be referenced if/when required.

JL confirmed that he would not be re-standing as chairperson at next the SAS AGM in November. Also Michael Tweedy had expressed interest in being nominated for this role.

It was suggested may be asking Dave Newton to send out a all-member email for interest in nominations for nominations/election of SAS committee & named officers around the beginning of November for AGM (currently to be held on 30th Nov). MK stated, event had been uploaded onto website Events Calendar.

MK - now had booked all speakers for monthly talks for this season. Awaiting talk confirmation & information required from NL.

Talk slots still available for Jupiter Nights events (at WWT (23/24 January) and possible NSLC (?? Feb).

Investigations were being made into the possibility of using an [eNewsLetter](#) on the website/email were ongoing.

Date & Time of next Committee Meeting: 12th October 2014, 6:00 pm at WWT.