

Sunderland Astronomical Society

Date: 16th August 2015.

Time: 6:00 pm.

Location: WWT.

Attendees: Michael Tweedy (MT), Martin Kennedy (MK), David Bedham (DB), Chris Duffy(CD), Harry Herron (HH), John Lynch (JL), Jacqui Gray (JG), Ken Kirvan (KK). Kris Dawson (KD), David Ettie(DE), Richard Graham (RG).

Apologies: Natalie Lowes (NL), Sophie Jenkins (SJ), Roy Alexander (RA), Peter Stokel (PS), Owen Lowery (OL), Karen Hutchinson (KH), Paul Meade (PM).

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1	Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes from previous committee meeting were accepted.	
2	Open Action Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MT 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. • PM to produce/update the a quick and dirty "Outreach Monitoring Form". Would be useful when filling in the endowment feedback forms for example how many SAS members attended, how many kids attended the event, etc. • HH/DB/GD – report on any Dob telescope/mirror progress updates. • MT requested from the committee members their full names, full address details and phone numbers, etc required for the charity commission trustees record. • MT requested to password protect the minutes on the SAS website and periodically disseminate to SAS members. A global password was deemed acceptable and would be changed periodically. 	Sept 2015 Sept 2015 Sept 2015
3	Visits & Events For events this/next month, see SAS Website Events Calendar /SAS Facebook group page for details. MT wish to thank attendees for the Nissan community Festival event in August. SAS turnout was very good for this event, although event for the public turnout could have been better. However, some new members form this event. Stargazing Event - Northumberland Park (the one in North Shields), Sat 10/10/15 from 7 pm. It will be along the same lines of the St Marys one with talks our merchandise table and telescopes. There will be plenty of room for everyone that wants to help. Meteors and Northern Lights. Public Event; Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30pm Observing afterwards at Pow hill Country Park. Official opening Ceremony of the "New "All Access "Mount by Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson , form on Friday 20th November from 6 pm. Stargazing/observing event afterwards. MT had spoken with representatives of Durham Cathedral mamgement with regards to doing some observing from Durham Cathedral tower roof. A "site observing recce" had been undertaken with MT, PM, KK & Jurgen Schmoll (DAS) and was deemed possible with either smaller scopes/bins due to access restrictions. Could be a v.good publicity opportunity. Event details TBC. SAS were also asked if the interest in doing some observing from Durham Cathedral grounds, again event details TBC.	
4	Shed Roof repair MT wish to say a big thank you to HH & the repair-team (various SAS members) on behalf of the committee and the society for their efforts in the roof repairs. The majority has now been completed.	
5	Portable All-Access Pier David Ettie (DE) to be POC w.r.t. opening ceremony for Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson , from on Fri	

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	20th November from 6 pm. Stargazing/observing event afterwards (if weather favourable). The development media need to be contacted as soon as possible in order to publicise the event.	
6	Fundraising for Observatory dome, etc. MT commented that community foundation application had been completed and submitted. However, MT community foundation was moving offices and would be not up and running until after 7 of September. It should also be noted that the application submitted for the fund that was for specific locations in Sunderland w.r.t. disabled communities. PayPal and Givey payment mechanism have been setup for our Facebook group page and SAS website. MT asked MK to organise/develop appropriate webpage and donation buttons. on website, etc.	Sept 2015 Sept 2015

Any Other Business

MK contacted BBC POC re: stargazing live shows next year and ask for any information we passed SAS as soon as it was available in order to plan our stargazing events around the time the show.

MT asked if RG & MK could coordinate and facilitate the video recording of new season lectures.

MK requested if SAS committee could provide some good & quality compelling photos of the observatory & All-Access Mount for fundraising purposes/web-pages.

Date & Time of next Committee Meeting: 11th October 2015, 6:00 pm at WWT(Cafe). Due to September's meeting cancellation.