

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pretoria Centre of ASSA held on 22 July 2020 at 19:15 by video link.

1 Welcome

The Chairman, Bosman Olivier opened the meeting, and welcomed all attendees to the meeting. There were 19 members and visitors present at the start of the meeting.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Agenda

3.1 The Agenda, Chairman's Report and the Minutes of the 2019 AGM were circulated to all members before the meeting, with a note to say that the Treasure's Report was to follow.

3.2 The agenda was accepted without change.

4 Minutes 2019

The minutes of the 2019 AGM were accepted: proposed Danie Barnardo, seconded Johan Smit

There were no matters arising.

5 Chairman's Report.

- Considering that the full Report had been circulated to all members, the Chairman presented a summary of the report to the meeting.

The average attendance for the formal meetings held was **25**

The report covered the following:

5.1 Monthly meetings and activities

- A list of main topics and presenters at the monthly meetings
- Topics and presenters for Beginner's Corner
- Names of presenters of What's Up?
- Persons who have chaired the monthly meetings
- Observing evenings report
- A list of outreach activities presented during the year, including a summary of dark sky weekends, together with the names of participants in these events.

5.2 Section reports: (some were outstanding at the time of the meeting)

- Telescope making class, including Scopex
- Curator of instruments
- Library: comment on how useful the data base was.
- Website : noted that the Freemarket section was popular, and the Observation section had been re-designed
- Newsletter editor
- Observations co-ordinator
- Publicity

5.3 Committee

- The Chairman thanked the Committee for their input during the year.
- Noted that Fred Oosthuizen did not wish to be re-elected, the Chairman thanked Fred for his services to the Centre.
- Noted that Michael Moller resigned during the year due to pressure of work, and he is also thanked for his services to the Centre

5.4 Thanks

- To CBC for use of facilities.
- To Michael Moller and his employer for allowing us to use their premises for Committee Meetings, and later Craig and Louis Kloke for making venue available.
- To all members who have contributed to the running and activities of the Centre.

The full Chairman's is to be read as an addendum to these minutes. It will be placed on the website

6 Treasurer's Report : Michelle Ferriera

- 6.1 The Chairman summarised the Chairman's report
- 6.2 The paid up membership for 2019 -2020 was 48. The Chairman expressed concern about the reduction in the number of members.
- 6.3 Circulation of Treasurer's Report.....

7 Committee 2020 - 2021

The following were willing to stand on the Committee for 2020 - 2021

Bosman Olivier
Danie Barnardo
Michelle Ferreira
Craig Kloke
Louis Kloke
Percy Jacobs
Pierre Lourens.
Michael Poll
Johan Smit

It was proposed that these members be elected *en bloc*
Proposed: Johan Moolman. Seconded : Johan Smit

All of the above were duly elected on to the Committee.

8 Jack Bennett Award

The Award was made to Johan Moolman, the citation noted in particular his participation with a French group in determining the solar parallax by observations of the Transit of Mercury on November 11th 2019

9 Other Business

No other business was tabled

10 Closure

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm