

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2007

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Under matters arising it was noted that: -

- The money promised by Ian King, to the Society, as part of the proceeds of the Imaging Course had not been received. John Price to pursue.
- The new constitution was approved at the AGM held in June.
- The Herstmonceux visit has not taken place

### Reports

- Secretary: Barry was not present due to pressure of work
- Treasurer: The funds stand at £1347. As a result of our move to Church Crookham, an increased subscription is no longer necessary.
- Membership Secretary: Subs are being collected now and hopefully forty-plus members will rejoin. There are expectations of new members from the Fleet/Crookham area.
- Librarian: There are some eight books on loan and efforts are in-hand to develop a Sky @ Night DVD library. A new book list, to include other material held by the FAS library, is due for publication shortly.
- Aldershot Observatory: We have heard that the surrounding housing development has been postponed to 2012.
- Website: Our website has appeared in Astronomy Now as an example of good design.

### Committee Vacancies

Rather than appeal at meetings for new committee members it was suggested that approaches be made to individual members. A list was drawn up and the chairman agreed to make approaches. Initially it was thought best to invite members to just join the committee, rather than to do some rather daunting task.

### Remainder of 2007 programme

The November and December meetings are now organised with Barry Bellinger giving a talk on his visit to Bir Castle for November and Maurice Kent (subject unknown) for December.

### Christmas Event

Rather than a dinner, which is poorly supported, it was decided to have a party after the December meeting. This would be "self" catering and use made of the surplus in the tea fund.

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## **Programme for 2008.**

Barry was not present to report on this but Peter reported that good progress had been made in filling the gaps

## **New meeting Venue**

The first meeting in October had been very successful and there was satisfaction that we had made the right move.

## **Arrangements for changing the financial year and AGM date for 2008.**

It was agreed that the next AGM would be December's meeting 2008. This would allow a party to be held afterwards. Any talk would have to be short and perhaps festive! Whilst the AGM is one month out of sync with the financial year, starting January, it was not felt to be a problem.

## **Observing evening at Tilford and CRB clearance.**

We have an observing evening on the 28<sup>th</sup> November at Tilford with the 5<sup>th</sup> Farnham Cubs. John Price will contact the Cub Leader to finalise details and make it clear that the astronomer participants will not be CRB cleared.

## **International Year of Astronomy in 2009.**

The Society will certainly participate and Peter Campbell-Burns agreed to coordinate ideas and the planning of events.

## **AOB**

Peter Campbell-Burns suggested that we appoint a deputy SEGAS representative since he, Peter, could not always attend the meetings. John agreed to look into this.

The Chairman asked that all considered ideas for a more appropriate name for the Society, now that we meet outside Farnham.

## **Date of next meeting**

March 08 was suggested with the exact date to be negotiated! It was felt that the FAS committee members should meet at 3 monthly intervals, also that the dates for these meetings should be published on the website beforehand. Chairman to issue date for March meeting.