

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pretoria Centre of ASSA held on 28 July 2021 at 19:00 by video link.

1 Welcome

The Chairman, Bosman Olivier opened the meeting, and welcomed all attendees to the meeting. There were 22 members and visitors present at the start of the meeting.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Agenda

3.1 The Chairman presented the Agenda, which was accepted without change.

4 Acceptance of Minutes of 2020 AGM

4.1 The minutes of the 2020 AGM were accepted:

Proposed: Louis Kloke, Seconded: Johan Moolman

4.2 There were no matters arising.

5 Chairman's Report.

Bosman Oliver presented the Annual Report. The report covered the following:

5.1 Monthly meetings and activities

- A list of main topics and presenters at the monthly meetings
- Persons who have chaired the monthly meetings
- Observing evenings report
- The Blackburn Leisure Astronomy Society in the UK had joined some of our meetings, and it was hoped that the co-operation would continue in the future.

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

- Telescope making class, including Scopex. The class had continued within the limits of the lockdown regulations
- Curator of instruments. There is Centre equipment at CBC that we may need to remove.
- Library
- Website
- Newsletter editor
- Observations Co-ordinator

5.3 Committee

- The Chairman thanked the Committee for their input during the year.
- Note was taken that Percy Jacobs was stepping down from the Committee for 2022, but proposes to remain as an active member. Percy is thanked for his contributions to the Committee and to the Centre.

5.4 Thanks

- To all members who have contributed to the running and activities of the Centre.
- Particular thanks are due to Johan Smit for organising the video links

5.5 The average attendance for the formal meetings held was **23**

5.6 The report was accepted. Proposed Danie Barnardo, seconded Johan Moolman.

5.7 The full Chairman's Report is to be read as an addendum to these minutes.

It will be circulated to members and placed on the website.

6 Treasurer's Report :

Michelle Ferriera presented the Treasurer's report and made the following comments:

- 2020)
- 6.1** The paid up membership for 2020 -2021 was 49. (One more than 2019 -
 - 6.2** Expenses were lower this year as there had been no monthly meetings.
 - 6.3** There was no movement on assets.
 - 6.4** The interest on investments was very low.

The report was accepted : proposed Michael Poll, seconded Johan Moolman

7 Committee 2021 - 2022

The following were willing to stand on the Committee for 2021 - 2022

Bosman Olivier
Danie Barnardo
Michelle Ferreira
Craig Kloke
Louis Kloke
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 Other Business

8.1 Danie Barnardo stated that he had identified an alternative site for viewing evenings. The site is a rugby field in Silverton. (The ground of the Silwer Valke). There may also be a venue there where we could have our meetings. We should decide whether to go ahead. We would have to see the Valke Chairman to discuss the feasibility.

8.2 Johan Smit considered that this would be an interim measure until CBC was available again.

8.2 The matter was referred to the Committee meeting to be held on August 2nd 2021

10 Closure

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm