

**SIGMA AGM – FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019**

| Item | Subject  |  |
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| 1    | Welcome.   | <p>The health and safety requirements were covered and no alarms were scheduled for testing.</p> <p>Quorum: 20% of fully paid-up members.<br/>63 voting = 12.6 members<br/>There were 34 Voting SIGMA members present and one potential new member hence the quorum was easily achieved</p>  |
| 2    | Apologies.   | <p>Malcolm Bradley (Proxy Form), Bill Leslie, John Rosenfield, Chris Stradling (Proxy Form), Alan Tough (Proxy Form), Kevin and Jean Stocks (Proxy Form x 2), Rachael Barber (Proxy Form)</p>  |
| 3    | Minutes of Previous AGM 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018  | <p>Background; The 2018 AGM minutes have been posted on the SIGMA website and issued with the May and June Newsletters. The vote is to accept the minutes noting Bill Leslie's observation that the number of Life members should be at least 4 (note that actual life members is 5).</p> <p>Discussion: Nothing from the previous AGM to discuss.</p> |
| 4    | Matters Arising  | <p>Eco cups have been introduced</p>   |
| 5    | <p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>Report: Not such a busy year as we have managed little observing. Just to note that I have completed 9 years as chairman. Our financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December but my report covers from last AGM in June 2018 to this AGM and I'll briefly explain further as to what we've been up to.</p> <p><u>Activities</u>– again our activities have been restricted from previous</p> |  |

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Events: The Christmas Quiz by Kevin Stocks was again very successful though I refrained from asking this time whether the astronomy round scored any higher this year! Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Stargazing event at Lhanbryde was again successful even though we had fewer members of the public. We have also had a string of very successful club meetings with some fantastic speakers, with attendances up in the 30s to 40s, which is some half to 2/3rds of the membership.

Pete, and Mick O'Donnell and I have also carried out a number of planetarium shows at weekends at Morayvia. This continues to be a showcase for SIGMA but we could do with a few more presenters – no experience is necessary just a willingness to help.

Bothy – Very few opportunities, only opened once due to unsuitable weather/ volunteers/ full moon. Thanks to Pete and Mick but we do need volunteers to open. We released the bothy to the Gliding Club, and are now paying a nominal rent of £50 to use the airfield for observing. A decision on whether this is cost-effective will be made by the committee in due course.

#### Facebook& Twitter

We continue to be very active on Facebook with a huge number of likes and interest. It seems to be the best way to keep the public informed of interesting astronomical events.

#### Membership & Financial

Both will be covered in detail later but membership numbers have remained stable even though we have lost a few members last year. As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 the Club was very healthy and sustainable financially.

#### Record of Thanks – from Stan

I once again should like to place on record again my thanks to a

number of people for their hard work and unwavering support over another year. It's dangerous to mention names as the chance of missing someone out is always pretty much guaranteed. If I have missed anyone then you have my humble apologies.

First of course are you the members who faithfully turn up at meetings. Meetings have been well attended throughout the year, and a number of speakers commented that the Club was active and vibrant.

The Committee comprising up to this AGM of Stuart Brooks, Rachael Barber, Mick O'Donnell, Pete Sherman, Donna Williamson and Richard Oakley. The Committee does a huge amount of running around and organizing from Committee meetings, to Bothy openings, to public events and SIGMA would cease to exist without this tireless effort.

I'd also like to thank our Presidents Bill Leslie and Tim Schroder who have continued to represent the Club and provide advice and support since they were elected. Finally, I'd like to thank the event helpers. Thanks to Donna, Dave and John Williamson who have run the refreshments side of things so brilliantly.

Thanks too to those who continue to provide images for our social media and Flickr with Pete and Alan in particular. I must also mention Helen Williamson's work as Webmaster Thanks to Helen the website is kept up to date and relevant. Helen's task I understand may be complete? What task you ask? To eradicate all evidence of lower case Sigma and replace it with capitals to denote that its stands for Special Interest Group of Moray Astronomers not the Greek letter or the mathematical term.

My final thanks goes to Frances Reddy who for a number of years provided SIGMA with 2 amazing facilities. The first was a committee meeting venue with numerous home-bakes supplied.

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|   | <p>The second was a heavily-discounted Guest House for our speakers and I lost count of the number of times speakers complimented the accommodation, breakfast and friendliness. Frances on behalf of SIGMA many, many thanks.</p> <p>Finally, SIGMA provides an exceptional vehicle to promote astronomy and science to a wide audience, and none of this would be possible without the Presidents', Committee's and members' support.</p> |   |
| 6 | Membership Secretary's Report   | <p>Report: The more members the better in terms of income, cost spread, social interaction and pool for volunteers. Get recruiting, or dragging that interested friend. We seem to be losing people and gaining new members so the numbers appear to be steady from 2018. The membership categories are as follows:</p>   |
| 7 | Treasurer's Report for 2018 and Membership Fees for 2020  | <p>Report: As per attached 'Inspected and Checked Accounts 2018 Summary Sheet'. See attached sheet.</p> <p>Notes.</p> <p>Insurance remains the same as membership is unchanged. There were late invoices from Birnie Hall not reflected in the accounts. Stuart requested that people paying membership online could inform him otherwise his records can only be adjusted when he receives the bank statements. As the bank balance is in excess of £4k it was</p> |

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|   |   | decided to rretain the membership fee at its current level.   |
| 8 | <p>A19.1 To accept the Minutes of AGM 2018</p> <p>Minutes available through website under SIGMA information, by email with the May newsletter and AGM calling notice and by hard copy on request.</p>     | <p>Proposer: Pete Sherman</p> <p>Seconder: Tommy Thain</p> <p>For: 36                      Against:                      Abstain:</p> <p>Postal/ Proxy Votes:</p> <p>For: 6                      Against:                      Abstain:</p> <p>Totals: For: 42      Against:                      Abstain:</p>      |
| 8 | <p>A19.2 To Accept the Accounts for 2018</p> <p>To Accept the Accounts for 2018, which have been subjected to independent scrutiny.</p>   | <p>Proposer: Mick O'Donnel</p> <p>Seconder: Tim Schroder</p> <p>For: 36                      Against:                      Abstain:</p> <p>Postal/ Proxy Votes:</p> <p>For: 6                      Against:                      Abstain:</p> <p>Totals: For: 42      Against:                      Abstain:</p>    |
| 8 | <p>A19.3 To Maintain Membership Rates for 2020 at 2019 Rates</p> <p>To Maintain Membership Rates for 2020 at 2019 Rates as Budget can be balanced without an increase, using surplus funds as needed.</p> | <p>Proposer: Sam robinson</p> <p>Seconder: Richard Mitchell</p> <p>For: 36                      Against:                      Abstain:</p> <p>Postal/ Proxy Votes:</p> <p>For: 6                      Against:                      Abstain:</p> <p>Totals: For: 42      Against:                      Abstain:</p> |
| 8 | A19.4 Addition to the Constitution  | Proposer: Leigh Moreton   |

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|   | <p>To add a new paragraph detailing handling of members' data iaw General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)<br/> <u>12. GDPR PRIVACY POLICY (AGM2019)</u></p> <p>The data provided to SIGMA by you will be held in accordance with General Data Protection Regulation. Individuals can request removal of their data at any time by contacting the Membership Secretary (membership@sigma-astro.co.uk). Your contact details will be shared with the appointed committee members of SIGMA as required by them to perform their duties. No-one outside of SIGMA will have access to any information we hold about you. Data will be stored for two purposes only:</p> <p><b>12.1</b> Communication with members about their membership and associated matters, and</p> <p>12.2 To enable distribution of information about SIGMA activities, and any other related correspondence.</p> | <p>Seconded: Donna Williamson</p> <p>For: 36      Against:      Abstain:<br/> Postal/ Proxy Votes:<br/> For: 6      Against:      Abstain:</p> <p>Totals: For: 42      Against:      Abstain:</p>                                |
| 8 | <p>A19.5 To appoint Peter Sherman as Chairman</p> <p>Peter Sherman has indicated his willingness to stand as Chairman.</p>   | <p>Proposer: Helen Williamson</p> <p>Seconded: Stuart Brooks</p> <p>For: 36      Against:      Abstain:<br/> Postal/ Proxy Votes:<br/> For: 6      Against:      Abstain:</p> <p>Totals: For: 42      Against:      Abstain:</p> |
| 8 | <p>A19.6 To appoint Richard Oakley as Secretary</p> <p>Richard Oakley has indicated his willingness to stand as Secretary.</p>   | <p>Proposer: Tim Schroder</p> <p>Seconded: Christopher Sharp</p> <p>For: 36      Against:      Abstain:<br/> Postal/ Proxy Votes:</p>  |

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| 8 | A19.7 To appoint Stuart Brooks as Treasurer<br><br>Stuart Brooks has indicated his willingness to stand as Treasurer.  | Proposer: Richard Mitchell<br><br>Seconder: Mick O'Donnell<br><br>For: 36<br>Postal/ Proxy Votes:<br>For:  | Against:<br><br>Against: | Abstain:<br><br>Abstain: |
| 8 | A19.8 To appoint Donna Williamson, Michael O'Donnell and Kevin Stocks as Committee Members<br><br>Donna Williamson, Michael O'Donnell and Kevin Stocks have indicated their willingness to stand as Committee members. | Proposer: Helen Williamson<br><br>Seconder: Dave Wiliamson<br><br>For: 36<br>Postal/ Proxy Votes:<br>For:  | Against:<br><br>Against: | Abstain:<br><br>Abstain: |
| 9 | AOB  | Tim Schroder proposed a vote of thanks for Stan's huge effort running Sigma for the past 9 years. To recognise Stan's efforts he was offered honorary life membership. |                          |                          |
|   | Close  | Time:<br><br>The meeting closed at 20.22   |                          |                          |