

EWELL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY AGM 2021

Treasurers Report 1st November 2021 – 31st October 2022

Slide 1 Accounts summary

These accounts have been prepared for the accounting period 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022. The accounts have kindly been reviewed and certified for this accounting period by our member Anne Keene (who is AAT qualified) and her sister Angela Leake (ACCA qualified).

As usual, the main income of £1575 for the year has been through our membership subscriptions. Because last year we did not charge any subs because we had no meetings, membership renewals were opened early in September 2021 which brought in £650 before the previous year ended on 31st October 2021. The committee decided that this year we would revert to our normal renewal timing of December / January as this keeps the accounts tidy with subs not straddling the year end. What this means for the year just ended is that we received £650 less subs than a normal year.

Despite this, we still made a small surplus of £345, which would have been around £1000 in a normal year. The sub remains the same at £40 single adult and £65 for a couple. Under 18's & Students in full-time education are free. There is a 50% discount for new members who join in July or later.

Our expenditure was higher than last year as we did not have many meetings that year, but it is still slightly less than the previous two years. Our main expenditure is Hall fees of £544 and speaker fees and gifts of £472.

We previously banked with HSBC but a year ago they started applying charges, including a charge for each debit or credit payment. Consequently in April we moved our account to Lloyds who still offer a free account for non-profit community organisations. It has the added benefit that we can bank on-line and so see our account details whenever needed. Previously we had to wait for paper statements to see where we were! Please ensure that you have deleted out old account details as a payee if you have them, otherwise HSBC will charge us additional fees.

Bank charges were £30 for the 5 months they applied but would have been a great deal more if we hadn't moved as few subs were paid in that period.

Zoom fees were £173 for the year. We will discuss whether to continue to offer the zoom service at meetings as only around 6 people use it regularly.

Slide 2 Membership table

Our membership has held up reasonably well. We currently have 63 members, of whom 51 pay a sub compared to 48 last year but 69 in 2020 :

46 pay an adult sub

5 pay a couple sub

4 are honorary

6 are Student (free) members

17 members (30%) did not renew their membership last year, but we gained 8 new members during the year including 2 couples.

Meeting Attendance & Zoom

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Slide 5 Zoom