

Minutes of 24 <sup>th</sup> AGM		FAS	
<b>Date:</b>	18 Sep 2023	<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Bobby Manoo</b>
<b>Time:</b>	19:00 GMT	<b>Secretary:</b>	Helen Edwards
<b>Venue:</b>	NMM Lecture Theatre	<b>Author:</b>	Bobby Manoo

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## Introduction

- Bobby welcomed participants in the theatre.
- There was confirmation that a quorum had been reached with a total of at least 85 in attendance and the AGM was called to order by the Chair.
- Apologies for absence were sent in by Helen Edwards, John Harries, Ian Sherwood and John Tombling.
- There were no matters arising out of the minutes of the previous AGM which was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022. There was agreement by show of hands to accept the minutes.
- Bobby made reference to the 24<sup>th</sup> AGM Address Video which was shared to the membership previously. He urged members to view this to get all the relevant updates to our events and activities. The link is provided here: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/862765471>

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## Lectures and Talks Team

- Bobby indicated that all 10 Main Lectures for the 2023/24 season are already planned and scheduled. A list of all the speakers and most of the titles can be found on the website.
- Over 5 History of Astronomy talks have also been scheduled and these have also been updated on the website.

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## Observing Sessions

Bobby reported the following in terms of plans for Observing sessions:

- Blackheath
  - We will have a trial in Sep and Oct for running two sessions per month. If this works out with volunteers and participation then we will consider the following for the rest of the season:
    - Run 18 Sessions from Sep 2023 – May 2024 (twice per month)
    - Target Saturday evenings with Sunday as backup – rather than Fri / Sat
    - Adopt a volunteer schedule for members as was done with Solar Viewings.
- Solar Observing
  - We will continue members' observing and also public sessions
- ROG Observing
  - Dates and schedules are being worked on and to be published

- Other Observing Sessions  
Observing opportunities to other sites are being planned

Bobby thanked all the Volunteers who have helped across all the observing sessions over the past season and look forward to continued interests in the next season.

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## **Workshops and Events Team**

The following was reported for Workshops, the dates and venues to be confirmed:

- Astrophotography Workshop
- Telescope Workshop and Telescope Automation using Raspberry Pi.
- In Person Sketching
- Other interesting ideas coming ...

Consideration will be given to host a few Trips for members

- Visit to UK Observatories etc will resume this season

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## **FAS Committee**

Bobby indicated that some of the committee members will be standing down this season and thanked all of them for their hard work and commitment to FAS over the years.

### **Helen Edwards**

- Joined the Committee in 2017 (6 yrs) and was Vice Chair from 2019. Helen also coordinated our Main Lectures and helped in organising many of our observing events.

### **Grey Lipley**

- Joined the Committee in 2010 (13 yrs) and hosted many of our main talks and helped in organising observing events, radio astronomy sessions and was media liaison for the society.

### **Nick Phillips**

- Joined the Committee in 2013 (10 yrs) and organised observing events and main lectures.

### **Tej Dyal**

- Joined the Committee in 2014 (9 yrs) and organised observing events, workshops, and main lectures.

**Martin Male** – Special Mention for hosting Romney Observing sessions for over 10 years.

The following persons will therefore be proposed for Election:

### **Officers for Election**

Bobby Manoo – Chair  
Simon Hurst – Vice Chair

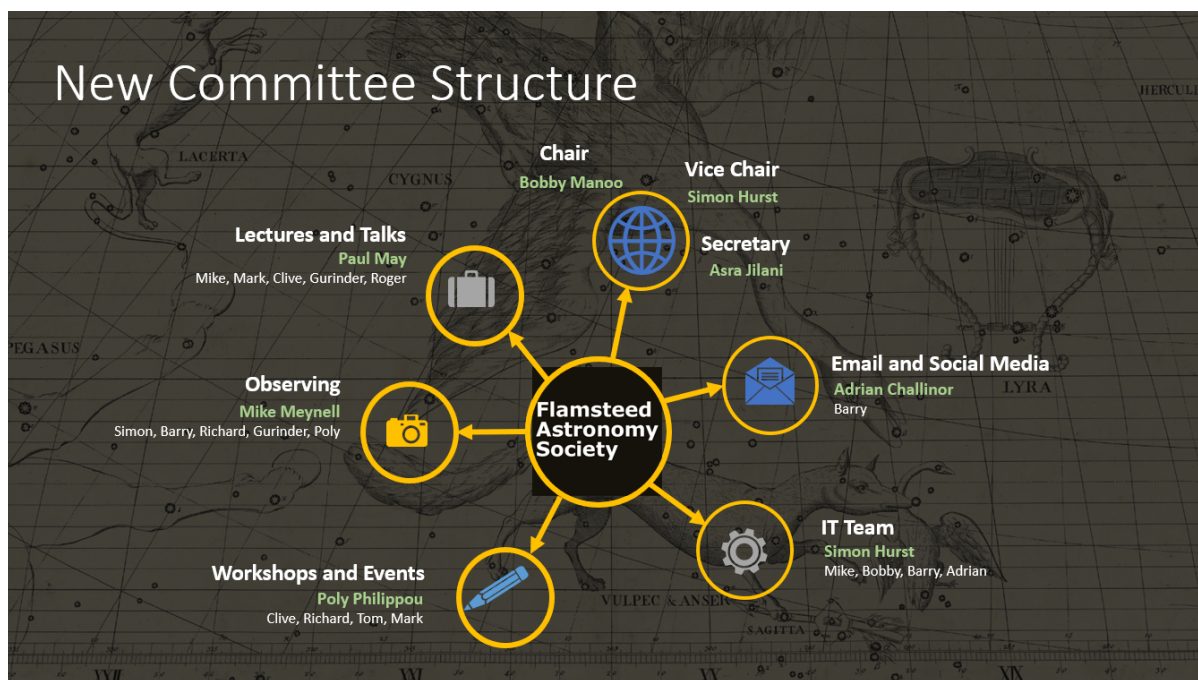
### **New Members for Election**

Paul May – Co-Ordinator of Main Lectures  
Poly Philippou – Co-ordinator for Workshops and Special Events  
Asra Jilani – Secretary

### **New Members on Co-opted positions**

Richard Summerfield (Co-opted) – Observing Events  
Tom Riley (Co-opted) – Outreach programs and Young Adults

The Overall Committee Structure was presented as shown below:



- The structure consists of five coordinators working together with the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.
- Bobby thanked the Committee for the work done over the past year.

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## ELECTIONS

Bobby introduced Mike Meynell to moderate the election of officers and new committee members.

### Election of Officer - Chair

- The election of the Vice Chair was proposed by Adrian Challinor and was seconded by Nick Phillips
- The vote was unanimous and there were no objections.

### Election of Officer – Vice Chair

- The election of the Vice Chair was proposed by Roger Geeson and was seconded by Gurinder Lall.
- The vote was unanimous and there were no objections.

### Election of new Committee Members

- The election of the Committee was proposed by Janice McLean and was seconded by Rupert Smith.
- The vote was unanimous and there were no objections.

The new committee and officers were congratulated and best wishes extended.

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**AOB**

- There were no AOB's recorded for this meeting.

Bobby congratulated the Committee members and thanked the members for the confidence placed in managing the affairs of the Society.

The AGM was brought to a close at 19:30