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AGM report

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 11 September with 19 members present and 6 apologies. The President's and Treasurer's reports were received. The Society's balance at 30 June was $6,214.80. Subs stay where they are.

Office bearers were returned unopposed with one change: Kieran Vu did not stand again as an ordinary committee member, citing work. Col Dunmore was elected in his place. The meeting noted 38 financial members at the date of the AGM, the most since 2009.

KRO report

KRO is still offline. The mount hasn't been repaired.

On Saturday 12 September I took the KRO Live panel off the front page and made the KRO Live page members only. I did that on my own say-so as KRO Manager and I'll answer for it at the October meeting. I'm not going to go into it here. Ask me.

The gallery is showing "Invalid Date" against one of the KRO images. I know. It's my code. It'll stay like that for now.

Dennis Marr

From the President

I want to thank Dennis for all his hard work on KRO this year, I know he has found it a strain, but I do think taking the panel down without asking the committee was hasty and a number of members and several members of the public have been on to me wanting to know where it has gone. We will talk about it in October, calmly, as friends. On a happier note the Dark Sky Trail working group has asked for a one-page summary of the Shed, with visitor numbers, by the end of November!

Lorraine Pascoe

Contributions to the Editor by the last Friday of the month.

Members' area password

The members' area password changed at the AGM, as it does every year. The username is still **member**. I'm not printing the password, because this newsletter goes on the public website and last year's was on Facebook within the week. It's the Society's initials in lower case and then the NGC number of Bill's favourite object. Digits only, no spaces.

If you don't know which object that is, it's on his page on the website.

Sky notes

New Moon was the 11th. The equinox is on the 23rd. The Magellanic Clouds are climbing in the south-east and 47 Tucanae with them. Daylight saving starts on 4 October.

Supper Notes

A short one. I shall not be doing supper in October. I have other arrangements on Friday nights when it is clear, and Thursday nights, and the rest. Bev Hucker has the urn key and knows where the good cups are.

You will all tell me to be careful. I was a district nurse for thirty-one years, on those roads, at night, on my own; I know what careful is.

You heat a thermos with boiling water first and tip that out. Then it stays hot nine hours. Nobody does it. You should.

Joan Kessell