

	Seaford Bonfire Society
	Minutes of 3rd December 2020 Virtual Zoom AGM
Attendees	David Hayes, Mark Patton, Adam Briggs, Kevin Start, Andy Bishop and Sue Hayes
Apologies	
Absentees	None

Action Points

Meeting Started At 19:38	
Matters Arising	
No matters	
Chairman Welcome Hello and welcome to the 2020 AGM Explained the running order of the agenda and that the Treasurer would give his report first as he may have to leave the meeting. Agreed last years minutes and signed off with Secretary Ran through agenda as changed to Treasurer to report first then: Chairman Report Secretary Report - No report Ratify Society subs Agree changes to The Constitution Will announce those new to role A.O.B Awards and Presentations	

Treasurers Report - This is our first year as a Limited Company and we needed to appoint a professional service.

We appointed Shoreline Accountants at zero cost in return for an advert in our programme. Mark at Shoreline Accountants will ratify our accounts and has agreed to still do this for free

Accounts are due 31st January and will be in the public domain at Companies House

As a limited company we had to change our bank account. There are 3 signatories Dave Hayes, Adam Briggs and myself. 2 signatures are needed to withdraw any money

Outgoings this year have been very limited - Deposit for Frontier 2021, Cost of new Constitution Books and £500.00 donation to our nominated charity - Seahaven Storehouse

Our event costs approx. £25k so if we had put on an event this year it would have cleared out our bank account so we need to do lots of fund raising for 2021

In January we have to pay for our insurance, which is one of our largest costs of approx £3k. Currently waiting for our current provider to send the renewal and have also put out to tender

Monies coming in this year has mostly been through our Seaford Fundraising Page by Jay and Paula, this has raised over £6.5k

There was a message from Paula on the face book page about arranging collections. Please may I reiterate if you make a purchase please arrange to collect within 48 hours at a pre arranged time. It is standard courtesy to pay and collect

A couple of our big earners are our Quiz Night and through Marshalling. So next year please volunteer where you can as we need to raise funds to put on our event, which is our deferred 10 year celebration

Easyfundraising has banked £80.51 to date - pass over to Sally

Sally easyfundraising Report

Please join Easy Funding, there is no cost involved, it is really easy to use and works across all devices. You can set up reminders and it links to loads of retail outlets ie. Sainsbury's, Tesco, Argos, eBay, Amazon etc. So far we have raised £132 (showing on site) and 31 people supporting it. Congratulations to Valerie Bamping, David Hayes and David Gibbon our top 3 contributors. If you are unsure on how to use it or have any questions please let me know

Chairman's Report

Not a good year for Bonfire and our 10 year anniversary was postponed until we can celebrate it properly on the 23rd October 2021

A big thank you to the Events team and especially Paula and Jason who have done an excellent job with auctions and the selling page

I would like to say a huge thanks to Tina Start for Badge weekend and the hard work she has put in during this very difficult period. The membership is still very healthy and the majority of our members have paid for the 2021 year

Kev Start is stepping down this year and I would like to thank him for all his hard work over the years and the fantastic support he has given me when I have been in different roles in the Society. Kev also did all the arrangements for the Badge weekend plus the new Constitution and Rules.

There will be an opportunity in early 2021 to work with the Martello and Seaford Rotary, The Lions and the National Coastwatch – Newhaven to stage an event where local charities and organisations will be able to come and raise much needed funds.

£500 donated to Seahaven Storehouse

Thanks to all our members who have got involved wrapping boxes for the Storehouse and the upcoming Xmas donations.

Hopefully the new year will be better and we can start raising funds again through fetes and marshalling for the Triathlon etc. We are always on the lookout for someone to coordinate marshals for the events through the year so if you are interested please contact me

Ratify Society subs - remain the same

Agree changes to The Constitution - Kev took this at the last AGM and tidied it up and re-issued with separate rules so easy to update

Please see attached list of those new to role and those still in role

We have 3 vacancies:

Captain of Procession

Officer of Tabs

Officer of Banners

Also looking for for someone to co-ordinate the marshalling events throughout the year

Please contact a Committee Member if you are interested in applying for any of the above

<p>Awards</p> <p>Dave Hayes awarded Life Membership - Kev Start and Tina Start</p> <p>Mark Patton awarded Honorary Life Membership - Steve Russell</p> <p>Kev Start awarded Life Membership - David Bristow</p> <p>Adam - awarded Alfie Whiteford the Committee award.</p> <p>Alfie has kept the spirit of bonfire burning throughout the year where there has been no events. Over the past 3 months he has put on a fantastic show of out meetings.</p> <p>Showed a video of a compilation of these which will go up on our Facebook Page</p>	
End of Meeting - 20.20	

**Next meeting Thursday 4th February 2021
Venue TBC**