NORMAN LOCKYER OBSERVATORY SOCIETY LIMITED

A company limited by guarantee (No. 3048646) and a Registered Charity (No. 1048807)

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting of the Norman Lockyer Observatory Society Limited** held in the Donald Barber Lecture Theatre, Norman Lockyer Observatory, Salcombe Hill, Sidmouth on Friday 7th November 2025 at 7.30pm

1. Welcome & Apologies

   David Strange, Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and the following apologies were noted: Wendy & Andrew Greig, Simon & Virginia Lamb, Jonathon Milford, David Peddler, Peter Bradley, Geoff Ridge, Karen Williams and Phil Smith. All of the Board Directors except Karen Williams were in attendance and Jackie Rock was the minute taker.

2. To approve the Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

   The Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting were approved.

   Proposed by Kathleen Dollery. Seconded by Tony Kingston.

3. To receive the Annual Report from the Chairman

   A copy of the Annual Report given by the Chairman is attached and in addition it was proposed that the following fees and membership were raised as follows:

   That the cost of courses from April 2026 be increased from £25 non-member and £30 for member to £35 for non-members and £25 for members had been agreed by the Board.

   That membership fees would increase to £35 from £25 for an individual membership, and to £60 from £55 for a joint membership from 1st April 2026, had been agreed by the Board.

4. To receive the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

   BH gave an overview of the attached accounts. The balance sheet reserves were explained which included the write down period for the life of the lease for the new lecture theatre and conference room costs. VB gave an answer to a member's question in respect of increasing our income in light of the forthcoming CAT. The increase in course fees and membership fees is a start in this process of higher revenue generation.

5. To re-appoint as the Society's accountants Easterbrook Eaton Ltd and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

   It was agreed to re-appoint the above accountants. Proposed by Peter Youd and seconded by David Alexander.

6. Election of Directors (personal statements had previously been circulated). As there are five vacancies and five candidates a ballot is not required.

    a. **Martin Andrews** was appointed as Director

    b. **Kathleen Dollery** as re-appointed as a Director

    c. **David Driver** was appointed as a Director

    d. **Bill Hitchings** as was re-appointed as a Director

    e. **Jeffery Legg** was re-appointed as a Director

    The above was proposed by Vikki Brown and seconded by Hugh Taylor

    David and Martin were invited to join the Board of Directors.

7. The Chairman closed the formal proceedings of the AGM at 7.50pm and then invited Interest Groups, Sections, Members' Forum & Workgroups to share their achievement of this year.

Signed: David Strange, Chairman……………………….…….. Dated:…………………………..