

MINUTES OF THE MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY MAY 6TH 1996.

Meeting opened at 8:10 PM

-Those Present: Phillip Ainsworth -President
 Robert Bee -Editor
 Diana Farmer - Social Secretary
 Noel Sharpe - Vice-President
 David McBean - Secretary

-Those Absent: Robbie Charlton - Treasurer

-The minutes of the previous meeting were read. - Minutes adopted.

- Phillip Ainsworth nominated David McBean for secretary of the society, seconded by Diana Farmer and Robert Bee. -Motion carried.

-Robert Bee nominated Noel Sharpe for vice-president of the society, seconded by Phillip Ainsworth.
-Motion carried.

-MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. The lunar night was conducted on the 26th of April. It was a great success. We thank Robbie Charlton for the use of his place at Bringelly.
2. The conduct of star nights was discussed. Eric Brown has volunteered to organise our star nights. It was agreed that a person would introduce the star nights to attendees and explain what they would be likely to observe.
3. David McBean volunteered to investigate the facilities of the Wollongong Science Centre in the hope that it may be suitable for a possible society excursion.
4. A notice board has been prepared by Diana Farmer, to be used at society meetings. The committee thanks Diana for her efforts.
5. Badges for society members are still being arranged.
6. It was agreed that, after the initial society journal, subsequent journals will become six monthly.
7. Possible future activities of the society may include a computer night and internet access possibilities.

-MATTERS ARISING AT THE MEETING:

1. **FINANCIAL:-** We now have more money in the treasury due to the society having received more membership fees. No financial report was presented.
2. **STAR NIGHTS:-** It was decided to have the societies next star night at the Sutherland Astronomical Society's star night at Bargo in June. Date to be advised.

3. NEWSLETTERS: - It was decided to publish the dates of general meetings in the society newsletter to avoid possible confusion. The next three general meetings will be on May 20th, June 17th and July 15th.

4. GENERAL: - Discussions arose about what is required for the society to become incorporated. Phillip Ainsworth has the document of currency as required by Trade Practices. Phillip will discuss with Robbie Charlton the paperwork required for the society to become a charitable body. The committee believes that the society should apply to become a charity so that we can state to the Fair Trade body that we have applied.

Meeting closed at 10:05 PM.