

MINUTES OF THE MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING, JULY 1, 1996.

MEETING OPENED AT 8:13 PM

Those present: Phillip Ainsworth - President
Robbie Charlton - Treasurer
Noel Sharpe - Vice President
David McBean - Secretary

Apologies From: Robert Bee - Editor
Diana Farmer - Social Secretary

The minutes of the June 3 committee meeting, were read.

MATTERS ARISING AT MEETING

1. Future Speakers at General Meetings-

Phillip Ainsworth spoke to members of the Sutherland Astronomical Society and asked if they could speak at future general meetings of our society. As a result Rolando De Michiel will be presenting a talk to our society sometime between September and December of this year. Four other members of The Sutherland Astronomical Society will be presenting talks to our society sometime next year. Phillip Ainsworth has proposed that the society provide a thankyou card and a small gift for future speakers at society general meetings.

2. Incorporation-

The society is now incorporated. Phillip Ainsworth suggested that the society obtain a form 12 by February of next year.

3. Star Nights-

The next star night will be at Robbie Charlton's place in Bringelly. A barbecue and refreshments will most likely be on sale. Noel Sharpe has said that he will contact Carol Farrell about the possibility of another star night at her place and investigate the use of another area on her property.

4. UWS -Macarthur Astronomy Open Night-

It was suggested by the committee that a possible future astronomy open night at the University of Western Sydney -Macarthur, could possibly be a fundraising affair for a possible future UWS -Macarthur observatory.

5. Society Awareness Campaign-

The committee is looking at raising the profile of our society at future Macquarie University astronomy open nights. This could include having our society advertised on radio stations such as 2WS and OneFM.

6. Macquarie University Astronomy Open Night-

The committee is looking at a sub-committee being organised to and having them arrange our society's participation in the Macquarie University astronomy open night. Noel Sharpe has offered to be the coordinator of the sub-committee.

7. Library Report-

Phillip Ainsworth proposed that the society order a copy of Dr Ragbir Bhathal's "Australian Astronomers" book.

8. Christmas Party and Awards Night-

It has been proposed that the society have an awards night and possible Christmas party in December. This would include awards recognising different persons' efforts in the society this year. In particular an award would be presented to the person or persons who have achieved a great amount during the year.

9. M.A.S. Young Astronomers' Group-

It has been proposed that a Macarthur Astronomical Society young astronomers' group be formed with regular meetings on certain weekday afternoons, including possible talks given by older society members. This has been proposed because of interest expressed by local school students. Meetings would most likely be held at St. Andrews High School.

10. Astronomy Camp-

It has been proposed that the society hold an astronomy camp for members, possibly in November. Plenty of telescopes and binoculars are a must. The camp would be held at somewhere like Hill End or Kangaroo Valley.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10:00 PM.