# MINUTES

Minutes Of M.A.S. Monday 8.PM 15/1/1996. All new and interested members present. I hearby open the first astronomical meeting of the Macarthur Astronomical Society.

#### NOMINATIONS:

President- Phillip Ainsworth (Accepted position) Nominated by John Lodge Seconded by Chris Bouette

Vice President- John Lodge (Accepted Position) Nominated by Phillip Ainsworth Seconded by Louise Smith

Editor- Bob Bee (Accepted Position) Nominated by phillip Ainsworth Seconded by Robbie Charlton

Treasurer- Robbie charlton (Accepted Position) Nominated by Eric Brown Seconded by Chris Bouette

Secretary- Sally Jackson (Accepted <sup>2</sup>Position) Nominated by Phil Ainsworth Seconded by Robbie Charlton

Social Secretary- Diana Farmer (Accepted <sup>2</sup>Position) Nominated by Leona Kane Seconded by Clarice Stretch

Librarian - not decided on the night.

# MEMBERSHIP FEES

\$10 - Students and Pensioners \$20 - Adults \$40 - Family (2 Adults and 1 or more children. Kids under 10years free. First Meeting (Visitor--Fee). Visitor Fee Newsletter Visitor \$2.00 can be reviewed. Excursions? Star Nights-\$2.00 Non Members. Cake Stalls, Fetes?? Photographs, emblems, Newsletters. -No fee for guest speaker, pay for travelling costs. Proposed by phillip Ainsworth and members of the society and seconded by Robbie Charlton.

#### SHORT TERM GOALS

Members want to know what is out there? What are we looking at?
We will hold regular Star Nights

Must develop a common understanding of all members at a basic level.

More about astronomy its self, ie; information about different types of telescopes-Reflectors, refractors etc.)

# LONG TERM GOALS

A Telescope for the society, possibly only a 4.5'' costing \$4,000 approx with stand and lenses etc; or maybe 2.5''

## UNIVERSITY CONTACTS

Bobby Vale--seti scientist

### **EVENTS**

Eric is going to talk to us about different types of telescopes.

Later-Star maps and how to read them

Getting books for the society to stock the library.

Typical books on the market ie; Astronomy 1996.

Start up a library.

Magazines for library and eventual borrowing after 6 month membership donated by John Lodge and Phillip Ainsworth. VIDEO Tapes to be donated or circulated from members to others in the library.

### **EXCURSIONS**

Field Trips--Star nights

Astronomical excursions to Sydney observatory.

Parks Observatory

The Cinema for a space related film.

Bus fares must be ppaid for by all members and visitors welcome without joing the society. this will help raise funds for the society.

Petty cash must be made available and main account for treasurer and 1-2 committee members.

Social Secretary to organise supper for the night. each member to be allocated per month to bring tea and coffee an say a packet of biscuits.

Any articals wishing to be published in the M.A.S.

newsletter to forward to Bob Bee.

Treasurer and President plus any available committee members to meet after this general meeting is closed to discuss further items.

I officially announce that the first Annual General meeting and gathering of the Macarthur Astronomical Society be closed.

Seconded by John Lodge Vice president of the M.A.S. Meeting ended at Monday 9.30 PM 16th Jan. 1996.