

MINUTES OF THE MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING, 24/2/97

MEETING OPENED AT 8:05 PM

THOSE PRESENT: Phillip Ainsworth
Robbie Charlton
Noel Sharpe
Peter Druery
Karen Bates
David McBean

APOLOGIES: Robert Bee

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WERE READ: Minutes Accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Phillip motioned that Karen Bates be the society's social secretary - seconded by Robbie Charlton.
- There will be a star camp on Saturday the 15th of March at Carol Farrell's place. ✓
- Eric Brown will be giving a talk on Tuesday the 18th of March - see Vice President's report.
- Some Members still do not have name badges. ✓
- The British Astronomical Association (the BAA) is opening the Syd Elwin Observatory at 8:30 pm on Saturday the 12th of April at Londonderry. Our Society cannot attend, due to the education night that we are holding that night.
- The BAA is having a barbeque on the 23rd of April at Parramatta Park.
- Photocopying of notices of social events for members is to be shared between the President, the Vice President and Peter Druery.
- The society will look at contacting the heads of the science departments of local schools who may be interested in our astronomy nights. 0/5
- The Ilford star camp is in the 3rd week of May. There may be enough members of our society that would like to attend to make it viable to rent a minibus. ✗

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The society must register with the Department of Fair Trading, for this year.
- The financial year of association incorporation ends on February the 11th 1997. ✓

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Let's Learn Astronomy night confirmed for the 12th of April. ✗
 - slides are needed.
 - David Macey may be able to supply a projector. If not, Peter Druery will be able to supply one.
- Seth Shossack of the National Space Society will be giving a talk at UWS Macarthur in July. We may be able to get Sutherland Astronomical Society's help to stage a large astronomy night on that

night.

-Eric Brown is Organising a talk on the 8th of March to a Liverpool youth group. We will be giving him support.

-Eric Brown may be bringing along some extra children to the Let's Learn Astronomy night. X

GENERAL BUSINESS

X It has been suggested that the society have business cards with a society phone contact number printed on them. This will provide something for committee members to give to people they meet, who may be interested in the society.

-It has been suggested that we have afternoon barbeques before some star nights (informal viewing star nights). Informal viewing star nights will be at Robbie Charlton's place at Bringelly. Educational star nights will be at Carol Farrell's place at Wilton. ✓

MEETING CLOSED AT 10:00PM