

# **MINUTES OF THE MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING 5/5/97**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:40PM

THOSE PRESENT: **Phillip Ainsworth**

**Noel Sharpe**

**Robert Bee**

**Karen Bates**

**Peter Druery**


**David McBean**

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE READ: **Minutes Adopted.**

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- The "Let's Learn Astronomy" night proceeded very well.
- Eric Brown Mentioned that, if necessary, he would be able to take on the role of the society's treasurer. The committee is considering his offer.
- Phillip Ainsworth is still organising a P.O. Box for the society.
- Committee has not heard from Steve Manos about the society homepage.
- "Business" cards are \$59 per 1000. These will be further discussed after the society P.O. Box is acquired. The committee will review any card designs before proceeding with any production of "Business" cards.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- There will be an astronomy open night, run by the society, at UWS Macarthur on Saturday May 10th, to view the comet: Hale-Bopp. It starts at 5:30PM. Slides will be shown as a fall back if there is bad weather.
- Bob Bee is preparing a comet information sheet to give out.
- The committee will be holding a special meeting at 7:00PM on Monday May 19th, in Carol Oliver's office, in the Administration Building at UWS Macarthur.
- The monthly society meeting for May will be held on Tuesday the 20th.
- "Camp Constellation 3" will be held on May 17th at Carol Farrell's place at Wilton.
- Phillip Ainsworth may be giving a talk at Berrima to Independence House on July 5th. 
- The society will be presenting a display at Ingleburn Library in the first two weeks of July.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- The society's bank balance is \$518.49.
- The list of what members have paid their yearly fees is up to date.
- The committee will send out polite reminder letters to those members who have yet to renew their membership at the end of May.
- The bank account has been transferred to the Macarthur Branch of the Commonwealth Bank and everything is up to date.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A notice about the society is now in the Campbelltown Library computer.
- There will, hopefully, be 11 telescopes at the May 10th comet viewing night.

-We thank Phillip Ainsworth for his "Darth Vader" appearance at the last society meeting.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

-Karen Bates organised a questionnaire, which was circulated at the last society meeting, and compiled the results. It covered members' interests and what they would like the society to do in the future, etc. The committee thanks Karen for a job well done.

-Bob Bee suggested that the society hold a raffle, to raise money for a slide projector. The society could possibly hold a raffle on the comet viewing night with the possible support of the local Lone Star Restaurant for a prize.

-Karen Bates has suggested that the society hold "workshops" in the future. Feedback will be sought from members at the next society meeting.

-Linden Observatory may possibly be available for members of the society to use, once or twice. Peter Druery will enquire about whether this is true and what would be involved.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:30PM